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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

OPENING OF THE THIRTY-NINTH REGULAR SESSION

1. The thirty-ninth regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 18 September 1995, at 10 a.m.^{1/} It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).
2. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. If evening meetings prove to be necessary, the starting times will be announced during the session.

PRE-SESSION CONSULTATIONS

3. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 16 September, and Sunday, 17 September 1995), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the session opens on Monday and thereby contributing to the smooth running of the Conference's session, ensuring - where necessary - that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.

^{1/} The provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth regular session is contained in document GC(39)/1.

NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

4. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done in writing - by letter or by completing the registration form which has been transmitted to Permanent Missions. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure^{2/} provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many assistants (alternates, advisers, etc.) as may be needed. An unofficial edition of members of delegations will be issued on Wednesday, 13 September 1995; only those names that are received by the Secretariat before Friday, 8 September can be included in it. The first official list of members of delegations will be issued on Sunday, 17 September; it will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat before Friday, 15 September.

5. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, Delegates are requested to inform Protocol in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

6. Delegates (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity - for example, as Resident Representative. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General not later than Monday, 11 September, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. If credentials cannot be submitted by Friday, 15 September, Delegates should deliver them - direct to the Credentials Officers at the ACV either on Sunday, 17 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

REGISTRATION FOR BADGES

7. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph for entry into the ACV during the session. Badges will be issued by the staff at the Registration Desk to those designated participants who are not already in possession of a valid VIC ground pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

8. Participants may register on Friday, 15 September, at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and on Sunday, 17 September, between 2 p.m. and

^{2/} GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

6.30 p.m. at the ACV. Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk at the ACV.

9. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on Monday, 11 September 1995 may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 11 September and Tuesday, 12 September, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Friday, 8 September.

DOCUMENTS

10. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 at the VIC not later than Friday, 15 September, and specify its requirements for documents on a form which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the ACV either on Sunday, 17 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

11. Before the opening of the session one complete set of the Conference documents already issued will be available to each delegation. All documents produced during the session, including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be available at the Documents Station at the ACV.

12. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the appropriate Committee Secretary with the text as early as possible.

SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

13. **Until the beginning of the Conference's session on Monday, 18 September, requests for inscription on the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A 2871). As Member States were informed by document GC(39)/INF/1, issued on 9 May 1995, inscription in the list of speakers started on 19 June 1995; a ballot was taken at 11 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. - personally made a request for inscription in the list.^{3/} Since 11 a.m. on 19 June, Member States making requests for inscription in the list have been added in the order in which they made their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.**

^{3/} This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

14. Delegates who have not inscribed their names on the list by the beginning of the session but wish to speak in the general debate are requested to contact the official responsible for maintaining the speakers' list, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (where the plenary meetings will take place). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

15. In order that the general debate may represent a more efficient use of the time available, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements down to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make.

16. To facilitate interpretation, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session.

17. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing.

WORKING LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION

18. The working languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages will be interpreted simultaneously into the others. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages and provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 1996

19. The Board of Governors has not yet agreed on a recommendation to the General Conference regarding a target for Member States' voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1996. For that reason, it has not yet been possible for the Secretariat to send to Member States the customary letter indicating their individual shares of the recommended target. It is expected that the Board will agree on a recommendation at its pre-General Conference meetings, whereupon the Secretariat will immediately bring the recommendation to the notice of Member States and inform them of their individual shares of the recommended target.

20. It would be appreciated if Governments communicated their pledges as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Officer, who will have a desk in Conference Room A. A document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Member States have pledged themselves to make^{4/}, updated versions being issued during the session.

SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONFERENCE'S SESSION

21. A special scientific programme will be organized in conjunction with the Conference's thirty-ninth regular session. It will take place on *Tuesday, 19 September, in the afternoon and on Wednesday, 20 September, in the morning and in the afternoon, in Conference Room C at the ACV*, as follows:

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| Tuesday p.m. | <i>Environmental Restoration</i> (Scientific Secretary: Mr. D. Clark, Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Tel.: 2060/26102) |
| Wednesday a.m. | <i>Application of Accelerators: A Rapidly Growing Nuclear Technology</i> (Scientific Secretary: Mr. V. Valkovic, IAEA Laboratories, Seibersdorf Tel.: from VIC: 28207 or 28237 Tel.: from outside: 02254-72251/207 or 237) |
| Wednesday p.m. | <i>New Safeguards Technologies</i> Unattended Mode Equipment and Environmental Monitoring (Scientific Secretaries: Mr. V. Fortakov, Division of Development and Technical Support Tel.: 2060/21840 Mr. R. Hooper, Division of Concepts and Planning Tel.: 2060/21808) |

Further information may be obtained from the Scientific Secretaries.

^{4/} The corresponding document of last year was GC(XXXVIII)/24.

MEETING OF SENIOR SAFETY OFFICIALS

22. The traditional meeting of senior safety officials will be held on *Wednesday, 20 September and Thursday, 21 September*. The topics to be covered in the one and a half-day meeting include:

- (i) *Pressure Vessel Integrity, Embrittlement and Annealing;*
- (ii) *Verifying the Reliability of Safety Related Software;*
- (iii) *Safe Management of Radioactive Waste: The Regulatory Point of View;*
- (iv) *The Use of Quantitative Probabilistic Criteria in Safety Regulations.*

The meeting will be held in Meeting Room II on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC. Further information may be obtained from the Division of Nuclear Safety (Tel.: 2060/22700).

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS

- (i) **AFRA/ARCAL/ RCA meetings**
and a joint meeting of the Chairpersons of the African, Latin American and Asian regional groups and two other representatives of each of those groups

23. There will be group meetings regarding AFRA, ARCAL and RCA followed by a joint meeting of the Chairpersons and two other representatives of the regional groups in question for the purpose of co-ordination and an exchange of experience.

24. The timetable is as follows:

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| AFRA | Tuesday | 19 September at 10 a.m. |
| RCA | Wednesday | 20 September at 8.30 a.m. |
| ARCAL | Thursday | 21 September at 10 a.m. |

These meetings will be held in Meeting Room V on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.

The joint meeting of Chairpersons and other representatives will be held at the Austria Center on Thursday, 21 September at 3 p.m. in the office of the Deputy Director General for Technical Co-operation (3rd floor, room A-451).

- (ii) **Consultations with Member States**

25. Consultations with the representatives of Member States which are receiving Agency technical assistance but do not have a Permanent Mission in Vienna will be held during the Conference session. Consultations with the representatives of other Member States receiving Agency technical assistance will be held prior to the Conference session unless a meeting during the session is requested for the discussion of specific issues or special problems. Requests for such meetings should be received by the Department of Technical Co-operation no later than 1 September 1995.

INFORMATION DISPLAY (INTERNET) CORNER

26. An Information Display (Internet) Corner will demonstrate the utilization of selected IAEA information resources - the IAEA Internet Services and some of the IAEA scientific and technical databases. It will be open all day and attended by staff members from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (special demonstration sessions outside these hours can be organized if requested by Conference participants).

General Information

ACCOMMODATION FOR DELEGATIONS

1. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the month of September. It is therefore important to reserve accommodation as far in advance as possible. Delegates are advised to make their bookings either direct with the hotel or through their Permanent Mission or Embassy/Consulate in Vienna.

CURRENCY

2. Bank notes, travellers' cheques and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction but, as not all currencies are in equal demand, a few may not be easily saleable. Departing visitors may take with them the foreign currency and securities they brought into the country and any amount in Austrian Schillings. It is, however, recommended that Conference participants keep the receipts relating to all major currency exchange transactions in case they need to re-exchange currencies on their departure from Austria.

PARKING

3. Parking facilities will be available on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued; for other cars General Conference and VIC ground passes will suffice as identification for free parking in this area.

VIC COMMISSARY

4. In accordance with the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Austrian Government, the heads of delegations of Member States participating in the General Conference are entitled to commissary cards for the duration of the Conference's session.

5. Any questions in connection with the issuing of commissary cards to the heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office.

RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE CONFERENCE

6. The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to contact the Protocol Office if they wish an announcement regarding such events to be included in the Conference Journal.