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The text of a letter dated 15 September 1997 which the Director General has received from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education of the United Republic of Tanzania is - as requested - reproduced for the attention of the General Conference.

"RE: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA UNPAID CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

"Please refer to your letter with Reference No.N3.31.2 URT, AI.10.2 of 31st July, 1997.

"I have the honour to write to you, on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, regarding my country's assessed contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and wish to inform you that due to unfavourable economic situation the country is faced with, it has been difficult to meet our financial obligations in full, though we are fully committed to ensuring that we comply with the Agency's Statute.

"To this end, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is taking the necessary steps to offset in full the outstanding arrears of its assessed contributions to the Agency as soon as possible.

"In this respect, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will appreciate if it will exercise "ITS RIGHT TO VOTE" in the forthcoming General Conference in accordance with the provisions of Asticle XIX.A of the Statute of the IAEA.

"Please accept Mr. President, the assurance of my highest considerations." ***

It is suggested that, pursuant to Rule 42(b) of the Conference's Rules of Procedure and in line with past practice, this request be referred to the General Committee for consideration.