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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the forty-third regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna² on Monday, 27 September 1999, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 25 September and Sunday, 26 September 1999), facilities will be made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters and thereby contributing to the smooth running of the 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 may be reserved through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section (tel. no.: + 43 1 2600/21323).
3. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure, the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where it should first be discussed - in plenary or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive by 28 August 1999 any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 7 September 1999.

¹ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

² The Austria Centre Vienna is located at Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre

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ANNOTATIONS

1. **Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee³** *Plenary*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. In accordance with Rules 34 and 40, the Conference will also be called upon to elect eight Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members on the proposal of the President.

2. **Applications for membership of the Agency** *Plenary*

Document GC(43)/2 contains an application for membership of the Agency from Honduras together with the Board's recommendation required under Article IV.B. of the Statute. Any further applications received in time will also be placed before the Conference for its consideration.

3. **Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations** *Plenary*

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. **Statement by the Director General** *Plenary*

The Director General will make a statement to the Conference.

5. **Arrangements for the Conference**

(a) **Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion** *General Committee*

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

³ As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for area groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure, which is part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee before Monday morning so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session

General Committee

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date of the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date of the forty-fourth (2000) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2000

Plenary

Member States will be urged to pledge contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2000 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

7. General debate and Annual Report for 1998

Plenary

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the Agency's Annual Report for the year 1998, which the Board has approved (GC(43)/4).

As part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, it is recommended that statements by delegates in the general debate be limited to 15 minutes.

8. Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Plenary

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board⁴. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A. of the Statute. Designations made in accordance with Article VI.A.1 of the Statute for membership on the Board in 1999/2000 are set out in document GC(43)/3.

9. The Agency's accounts for 1998

Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1998, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(43)/5.

10. The Agency's budget for 2000

Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 2000 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(43)/6.

⁴ The terms of office of Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Slovenia, Sweden, and Vietnam will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(41)/RES/DEC(1997), decision number GC(41)/DEC/9).

11. Appointment of the External Auditor *Plenary*

The tenure of the Agency's External Auditor will end with the completion of the audit of the Agency's accounts for the financial year 1999⁵. It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment to audit the Agency's accounts for 2000 and 2001. For this purpose, the Conference will have before it a recommendation by the Board.

12. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget *Committee of the Whole*

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2000 will be submitted to the Conference.

13. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety

(a) Secretariat's report on measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety *Committee of the Whole*

Under this sub-item, the General Conference will have before it documentation describing the measures being taken by the Agency to strengthen international co-operation in these areas.

(b) Safety of transport of radioactive materials *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/13 adopted by the General Conference last year. A report on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 6 is contained in document GC(43)/9.

(c) The safety of radiation sources and the security of radioactive materials *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/12, adopted by the General Conference last year. A report on the implementation of this resolution, as requested by its operative paragraph 4, is contained in document GC(43)/10.

(d) The Convention on Nuclear Safety *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/10, adopted by the General Conference last year. A report on the

⁵ See GC decision GC(41)/DEC/12.

implementation of this resolution, as requested in its operative paragraph 3, is contained in document GC(43)/11.

14. **Measures to address the year 2000 (Y2K) issue**

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/11, adopted by the General Conference last year. The Conference will have before it in document GC(43)/7 a report in response to operative paragraph 6 of this resolution.

15. **Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities**

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/15 to enable the Director General to report (in document GC(43)/INF/3) on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 8.

16. **Plan for producing potable water economically**

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(42)/RES/16 as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

17. **Extensive use of isotope hydrology for water resources management**

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(41)RES/15 as requested in its operative paragraph 5.

18. **Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Protocol**

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/17 to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 11.

19. **Measures against illicit trafficking in nuclear materials and other radioactive sources**

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/18 to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 6.

20. Article VI of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to General Conference decision GC(42)/DEC /10 on Article VI of the Statute.

The Conference will have before it, in document GC(43)/12, a report dealing with this matter.

21. Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(42)/RES/2, in which the General Conference decided last year to remain seized of this matter and to include in the agenda for its forty-third regular session an item with this title.

22. Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/3 adopted by the General Conference last year. As requested in operative paragraph 7 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on the Agency's efforts to implement the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq.

23. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/21 adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

24. Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat

Plenary

This item has been included in the agenda at the request of Kuwait on behalf of the Arab States members of the Agency. An explanatory memorandum, required under Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, is contained in document GC(43)/8.

25. **Personnel**

(a) **Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat**

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(41)/RES/18 as requested in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution.

(b) **Women in the Secretariat**

Committee of the Whole

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report to the General Conference on the implementation of resolution GC(41)/RES/19 as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the resolution.

26. **Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee**

Committee of the Whole

This item has been included as the Conference may be called upon to elect one or more members to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

27. **Examination of delegates' credentials**

General Committee

Under Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

28. **Report on contributions pledged to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2000**

Plenary

It is expected that pledges of contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2000 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.