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**ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS****OPENING OF THE FORTY-FIFTH REGULAR SESSION**

1. The forty-fifth regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 17 September 2001, at 10.00 a.m.<sup>1</sup> It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno Kreisky Platz, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).
2. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10.00 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3.00 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, 15 September and Sunday, 16 September 2001), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities, ideally following preliminary meetings in the margins of the Board meetings to be held during the preceding week, with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the session opens on Monday, 17 September. This will contribute to the smooth running of the Conference's session. Consequently, Member States should ensure - 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.

**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<sup>2</sup> provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many assistants (alternates,

<sup>1</sup> The provisional agenda for the forty-fifth regular session is contained in document GC(45)/1.

<sup>2</sup> GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

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Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.

advisers, etc.) as may be needed. A preliminary list of members of delegations will be issued on Wednesday, 12 September 2001; only those names which are received by the Secretariat before Friday, 7 September can be included in it. The first official list of members of delegations will be issued on Sunday, 16 September; it will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 13 September.

5. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegations 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, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General if possible not later than Monday, 10 September 2001, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. If credentials have not been submitted by Friday, 14 September, Delegations should deliver them directly to the Credentials Officers at the ACV either on Sunday, 16 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, 14 September 2001 at the Agency's Registration Desk in the VIC between 9.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and on Sunday, 16 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. at the ACV. Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk in the ACV.

9. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on Monday, 10 September 2001, may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at the Agency's Registration Desk in the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 10 September and Tuesday, 11 September, provided they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Friday, 7 September.

### **DOCUMENTS**

10. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically and are urged to make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. (The address is <http://www.iaea.or.at/GC/gc45/documents/>). Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 in the VIC not later than Friday, 14 September 2001, and specify its requirements for documents produced during the Conference 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, 16 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 made available on request 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 in 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, 17 September 2001, requests for inscription in 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 2862). As Member States were informed by document GC(45)/INF/1, issued on 15 May 2001, inscription in the list of speakers started on 18 June 2001; a ballot was taken at 11.00 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. - personally made a request for inscription in the list.<sup>3</sup> Member States requesting, after 11.00 a.m. on 18 June, inscription in the list are being added in the order in which they make such requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

14. Delegates who have not inscribed their names in 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.

15. The general debate usually extends over about four days of the Conference's sessions. With a view to making the best use of the time available during the forthcoming session, which is expected to last five days only, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements - a practice which is being followed in other UN organizations.

### **STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE**

16. To make more efficient use of the general debate, and in line with the recommendations on 'Streamlining the work of the General Conference' approved in 1998 by the Conference in decision GC(42)/DEC/13, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session.

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<sup>3</sup> This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

17. To facilitate interpretation, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing. In addition, to facilitate posting of statements on the Agency's website, copies of statements should also be provided in electronic form as early as possible to the Division of Public Information. Statements may be e-mailed to: worldatom@iaea.org.

## **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. Delegates are asked to provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

## **PLEDGES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 2002**

19. The Board of Governors has set a target of US\$ 73 million, subject to the approval of the Conference, for Members' contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2002. A circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2001) will shortly be issued to Member States. Before the regular session opens, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged themselves to make.<sup>4/</sup> It would be greatly appreciated if Governments facilitated the timely preparation of this document by communicating their pledges to the Director General 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 and will arrange for updated versions of the document to be issued.

## **SCIENTIFIC FORUM ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONFERENCE'S SESSION**

20. The purpose of the Scientific Forum, established in 1998, is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues relating to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum is on the theme "**Serving Human Needs: Nuclear Technology for Sustainable Development**". The proposed programme of discussions, to take place on 18 and 19 September 2001, is as follows: (the full tentative programme is provided as an attachment to this document).

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<sup>4/</sup> The corresponding document of last year was GC(44)/19.



	Session 1		
4:00 p.m.	Session 2	<i>The scope of regulatory control: Exemption, exclusion and clearance, 'naturally occurring radioactive materials'</i>	Luc Baekelandt, FANC-Belgium

### **Tuesday 18 September 2001**

2:30 p.m.	Session 3	<i>Report of IAEA Peer Group Discussions on 'Quality Management in Regulatory Bodies'</i>	Paul Woodhouse, UK-NII
4:00 p.m.	Session 4	<i>Feedback from the International Conference on Topical Issues in Nuclear Safety: 'Safety Performance Indicators'</i>	NSNI, IAEA
5:00 p.m.	Closing remarks		

The meeting will take place in the IAEA Board Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of building C (VIC). Further information may be obtained from the Department of Nuclear Safety (Tel.: 2600/22551).

Discussions will be conducted in English only.

### **TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS**

- (i) Regional Co-operative Agreements: AFRA; ARCAL, RCA**
- (ii) Joint Meetings of Chairpersons and Representatives of Member States of AFRA, ARCAL and RCA (Tripartite Forum)**
- (iii) Regional Technical Co-operation Programmes: EUROPE; WEST ASIA**

22. There will be meetings of groups and representatives of AFRA and ARCAL Regional Co-operative Agreements and pre-GC-session meetings of the RCA and the Tripartite Forum (AFRA, ARCAL, RCA). The representatives of Member States from the regions of Europe and West Asia will also hold individual group meetings.

The timetable and location of the meetings are as follows:

### **PRE-GC SESSION MEETINGS:**

#### **RCA:**

Saturday, 15 September 2001, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Meeting Room IV, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Building C, VIC

**TRIPARTITE FORUM:** (AFRA/ARCAL/RCA)

Sunday, 16 September 2001, from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Room IV, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Building C, VIC

**GC-SESSION MEETINGS:**

**AFRA:**

Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Meeting Room V, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Building C, VIC

**EUROPE:**

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2001, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Meeting Room VI, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Building C, VIC

**ARCAL:**

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2001, from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Room V, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Building C, VIC

**WEST ASIA**

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Meeting Room A-347, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, at the Austria Center (ACV)

**(iv) Consultation with Member States**

23. Consultations with the representatives of most Member States that are engaged in technical co-operation activities with the Agency will be held prior to the Conference sessions. For those delegations present in Vienna only during the General Conference, and for specific issues and/or special problems, meetings will be arranged during the General Conference. In such cases, the Department of Technical Co-operation will provide advance notice of the schedule of meetings with individual Delegations. However, if no advance notice is issued and Member States' representatives wish to discuss technical co-operation projects, Delegations are requested to contact their corresponding TC Area Section Head at the ACV (Africa - Mr. A. Boussaha; East Asia & the Pacific - Mr. M. Razley; Europe - Mr. M. Samiei; Latin America - Mr. G. Piderit and West Asia - Mr. S. Chaudhri).

**OTHER EVENTS ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONFERENCE'S SESSION**

**(i) Visit to the IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf**

24. On Friday 14 September 2001 (in the week of the Board meeting, and preceding the General Conference) heads of Delegations (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

The Laboratories are situated about 35 km southeast of Vienna and contribute to the Agency's programmes with experimental activities in the following fields: nuclear verification, applications of radiation and isotopes in food and agriculture, sterile insect technique, nuclear

instrumentation, radiation dosimetry, nuclear techniques for monitoring radioactive and other contaminants in the environment. The laboratories are also a training centre for scientists from Developing Countries. In addition, quality control services for analytical and radiometric measurements and radiation applications are provided from Seibersdorf for the benefit of Member States' laboratories and institutes.

The visit is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., including lunch at a local restaurant. Visitors travelling by the IAEA bus are invited to gather at the IAEA Information Desk in the Rotunda at 8:35 a.m. for departure from the VIC to Seibersdorf at 8:45 a.m. The bus is scheduled to return to the VIC around 4:30 p.m.. Those interested should book the visit in advance by calling the office of DDG-NA (Contact Person: Ms. Gerda Zeitlhuber), tel. 2600/21600 by Tuesday, 11 September.

**(ii) A Special Presentation: "ICTP Between IAEA and UNESCO: the Role of Science in Development"**

25. The Director and the Heads of the research Groups of the Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) will be presenting the research, education, training and exchange of information activities of the Center, with a particular focus on the role of science in development and the new initiatives taken to strengthen the cooperation with the IAEA.

Member States will have the opportunity to learn about new developments in research fields covered by ICTP and the changes that have taken place since the administration of the Centre was handed over by the IAEA to UNESCO. The relationship between the Centre's activities and the Agency's programmes and the contribution of ICTP to the delivery of the Agency's Regular and Technical Cooperation Programmes will also be highlighted.

This special presentation will take place on Monday 17 September 2001 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room C (ACV). Further information can be obtained from the Office of Programme Support (tel: 2600/ 21117 or 25117 ).

**(iii) International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO)**

26. An Information Side Event will be held on the International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO). Presentations will be given by senior Agency staff, allowing an opportunity for questions and answers, and presentations will also be given by members of the INPRO International Co-ordinating Group. The event will take place from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on Thursday, 20 September 2001, in Room C (ACV).

**iv) Computer-assisted translation software**

27. The Division of Conference and Document Services has made arrangements for a demonstration to be given of the computer-assisted translation software (TRADOS Workbench) that is being introduced into the Agency (see Project S.3.04 of the Agency's Programme and Budget for 2002-2003) and the terminology database that is being set up (see Project S.3.05). Members of delegations are invited to attend this demonstration at 2.00 p.m. on either Tuesday 18 or Wednesday 19 September. The exact location in the ACV will be announced in the Conference's Daily Journal. The demonstration will take about half an hour, with an opportunity for questions afterwards.



## **EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS**

28. A number of displays will be featured, including displays by Member States and Agency programme areas. Information on specific displays may be found in the Daily Journal published during the Conference.

## **EXTERNAL E-MAIL SERVICE**

29. Delegates will be able to receive and send electronic mail during the Conference.

30. The public address is: "GENCONF00@IAEA.ORG". Senders should specify the recipient's name and country in the subject line in order to ensure that the message is allocated to the proper delegate. Messages sent to this e-mail address may be picked up by delegates at the information desk. This e-mail address may be used only to receive messages.

31. In addition to the above general e-mail address, delegates may register during the Conference for an individual e-mail address valid for the duration of the General Conference. Computers will be available so that delegates may send and receive e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address.

## **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, Delegates are requested upon arrival to take a parking ticket from the ACV parking dispenser. This ticket should then be exchanged for a long-term, cost-free permit at the Registration Desk.

### **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 issuance 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.

**Serving Human Needs:  
Nuclear Technology for Sustainable Development**

***Scientific Forum***

during the 45<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference  
Conference Room C, Austria Center, Vienna,  
18-19 September 2001

**Tentative Programme**

## **Objective**

The objective of this year's Scientific Forum is to increase Member States' awareness that technical co-operation in non-power applications can produce cost-effective solutions to high-priority problems of sustainable development.

## **Format**

The first four sessions of the Scientific Forum will consist of presentations by leading experts drawing on practical examples of nuclear technology applications. Each session will be followed by a round table discussion, with the final session featuring a panel discussion. In all sessions, Scientific Forum participants will be encouraged to engage in discussions with the speakers and panellists.

*Tuesday, 18 September 2001, 10:00 a.m.*

## **Opening**

- **Statement** by Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the IAEA
- **Remarks** by the Chairperson of the Scientific Forum

## **Session 1: Science, Technology and Development: Interconnections**

Two prominent international development experts will provide their views on the role of science and technology transfer in development and how to manage such activities.

- **Keynote address**  
Jeffrey Sachs, Professor of International Trade at Harvard University, will assess the strengths and shortcomings of current practices, and provide a vision of the future of science for development.
- **Keynote address**  
José Vargas, former Brazilian Minister of Science and Technology, will focus on science and development from the perspective of developing countries.

*Tuesday, 18 September 2001, 12:00*

## **Session 2: Promoting Food Security**

Isotopes and radiation can play key roles in enhancing food security by overcoming basic ecological constraints on agricultural productivity, and promoting more efficient use of land, water, and biological resources. Presentations and a round table discussion of international experts and policy makers will highlight several examples, including:

- Tsetse Fly and African Trypanosomosis: Towards a Lasting Solution
- The Sterile Insect Technique: Cost-effective Control of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly
- Global Impact of Induced Mutation in Plant Breeding
- Utilization of Saline Water and Land: Reclaiming Lost Resources

*Tuesday, 18 September 2001, 4:30 p.m.*

### **Session 3: Managing Water Resources**

Managing scarce water resources wisely requires the kind of detailed understanding of aquifer dynamics that is only possible with the techniques of isotope hydrology. But water also must be of adequate quality to protect human health. Two presentations and a round table discussion among international experts will focus on this increasingly important field. The presentations examine the following topics:

- Ethiopia's National Strategy for Improving Water Resources Management
- Understanding Arsenic Contamination of Groundwater in Bangladesh

*Wednesday, 19 September 2001, 10:00 a.m.*

### **Session 4: Improving Human Health**

The use of radiation in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders such as cancer is well known. Less familiar are crucial applications of isotopes and radiation for improving children's health through cost-effective interventions. Isotopes also are fundamental tools in the modern biotechnology laboratory's development of new vaccines and diagnostic reagents. A round table discussion led by four speakers and a distinguished panel of experts will focus on the following topics:

- Neonatal Screening for Treatable Congenital Disorders
- Stable Isotopes for Improving Human Nutrition
- Radiotherapy for Cancer Treatment: A Growing Priority for Developing Countries
- Biotechnology for Development: Human and Animal Health Perspectives

*Wednesday, 19 September 2001, 3:00 p.m.*

### **Session 5: Panel: Matching Needs and Technologies: the Road Forward**

The Forum will conclude with a panel discussion moderated by Ms. Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair of the Global Water Partnership, and Past President of the Canadian International Development Agency and Population Council. Ms. Catley-Carlson will lead off the session with a summary of the Forum's deliberations. Keynote speakers will participate in the subsequent discussion.

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