

General Conference

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Forty-seventh regular session

Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the Forty-Seventh Regular Session

1. The forty-seventh regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 15 September 2003, at 10.00 a.m.¹ 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.

B. Pre-Session Consultations

3. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 13 September and Sunday, 14 September 2003), 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, 15 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 Services Section.

¹ The provisional agenda for the forty-seventh regular session is contained in document GC(47)/1.

C. 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 Procedure² 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. A preliminary list of members of delegations will be issued on Wednesday, 10 September 2003; only those names which are received by the Secretariat before Friday, 5 September can be included in it. An updated list of members of delegations will be issued on Sunday, 14 September; it will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 11 September.

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

D. 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, 8 September 2003, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned. If credentials have not been submitted by Friday, 12 September, delegations should deliver them directly to the Credentials Officers at the ACV either on Sunday, 14 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

E. 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, 12 September 2003 at the Agency's Registration Desk **at Gate I** of the VIC between 9.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and at the ACV on Sunday, 14 September,

² GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.. 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, 8 September 2003, may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at Gate 1 of the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 8 September and Tuesday, 9 September, provided they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Friday, 5 September.

F. 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.org.at/GC/gc47/documents/>). Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 in the VIC not later than Friday, 12 September 2003, 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, 14 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.

G. Speakers in the General Debate

13. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on Monday, 15 September 2003, 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(47)/INF/1, issued on 10 May 2003, inscription in the list of speakers started on 23 June 2003; 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.³ Member States requesting, after 11.00 a.m. on 23 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.

³ This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

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 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.

H. 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.

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.

I. 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 during the formal meetings of the Conference 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.

J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Co-Operation Fund for 2004, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Payments

19. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 18 July 2003 to the General Conference, for approval, at its forthcoming 47th regular session of a target figure of \$74.75 million for Member States' contributions to the TCF for 2004, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for

2004) has been issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States before or during the General Conference.

20. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the TC cycle and TC activities for the year ahead. During the regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying Delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged.⁴ As this document will be updated daily for the duration of the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States contributed towards the timely preparation of this document by communicating their Governments' 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 (ACV) and will arrange for the updated versions of the document to be issued.

21. As for Regular Budget and other payments, the Contributions Officer and his staff will also be available in Room A-443 (Ext.2112) on the Second Floor at the ACV to discuss issues pertaining to Regular Budget and assessed programme costs payments as well as respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights.

K. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

22. 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 will be on the theme: "New Horizons: Nuclear Energy in a Changing World." The proposed programme of discussions, to take place on 16 and 17 September 2003, is as follows (the full tentative programme is provided as Annex 1 to this document).

Tuesday, 16 September 2003

10:00 a.m.	Opening
	Session 1: <i>Innovative Approaches: Nuclear Power</i>
	(Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
3:00 p.m.	Session 2: <i>Innovative Approaches: Nuclear Medicine; Self-reliant Institutions</i>

Wednesday, 17 September 2003

10:00 a.m.	Session 3: <i>IAEA Safety Standards: Towards Global Application</i>
	(Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
3:00 p.m.	Session 4: <i>Safeguards Technology: Challenges and Limitations</i>

⁴ The corresponding document of last year was GC(46)/22.

The four sessions of the Scientific Forum will consist of presentations by leading experts in the respective fields. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion. All sessions will take place in Conference Room C (ACV). Interpretation will be provided during presentations and panel discussions.

The Scientific Forum is open to the public. Advance registration is requested to facilitate entry to the Austria Center Vienna. It would be greatly appreciated if the Division of Conference and Document Services, Conference Services Section, could be informed, if possible, by 1 September 2003, of the names of individuals attending only the Forum, together with the names and addresses (including e-mail and fax numbers) of their respective organizations.

The Secretariat encourages Member States to include in their delegations representatives dealing with the issues that will be the focus of this year's Forum.

L. Senior Regulators' Meeting

23. The meeting for senior regulatory officials who are policy-makers in the field of nuclear, radiation, transport, and radioactive waste safety, will take place on Tuesday 16 September, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The provisional programme of the meeting is provided as Annex 2 to this document.

The meeting will take place in the IAEA Board Room on the 4th 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.

M. Technical Co-Operation Meetings

24. There will be meetings of representatives of AFRA, ARCAL and RCA Co-operative Agreements. The representatives of Member States from the regions of Europe and West Asia will also hold individual group meetings. Representatives of Member States of ARASIA will also hold a group meeting. There will also be a meeting of the Quadripartite Forum (AFRA, ARASIA, ARCAL, RCA).

The timetable and locations of the meetings are as follows:

ARCAL:	Monday, 15 September, 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. VIC, 7 th Floor, Conference Room V
AFRA:	Tuesday, 16 September, 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon VIC, 7 th Floor, Conference Room V
RCA:	Wednesday, 17 September, 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. VIC, 7 th Floor, Conference Room V

Europe Group Meeting:

Thursday, 18 September, 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
VIC, 4th Floor, IAEA Board Room

West Asia Group Meeting:

Thursday, 18 September, 10:30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
VIC, 7th Floor, Conference Room V

ARASIA Group Meeting

Thursday, 18 September, 9.00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
VIC, 7th Floor, Conference Room V

Quadripartite Forum (AFRA, ARASIA, ARCAL, RCA) :

Thursday, 18 September, 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
VIC, 7th Floor, Conference Room V

25. 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 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).

N. Other Events Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

N.1. Visit to IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf

On Friday, 12 September 2003 (in the week of the Board meeting, and preceding the General Conference) Delegates (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.

N.2. Briefing Session for NGOs

A briefing for representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations attending the General Conference will take place at 5:00 p.m. in Meeting Room O, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Monday, 15 September 2003.

N.3. Briefing on INPRO

A briefing on the "Progress of the International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO)" will take place at 5:00 p.m. in Meeting Room N, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Monday, 15 September 2003.

N.4. INIS Presentation

The International Nuclear Information System (INIS) is a leading information source for scientific and technical literature published worldwide on the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology.

A presentation will take place from 2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room J-241/1 at the ACV, on Wednesday, 17 September 2003.

The presentation will give an overview of INIS, a description of the role of the national INIS centre, and a description of the INIS Information Resources, and will highlight the importance of active participation in INIS and the benefits to the Member States.

Extract from INIS Information Resources will be distributed on CD-ROM during this side event, in addition to some flyers describing INIS and its products and services.

O. Exhibits and Displays

26. Information on specific displays, including displays by Member States and Agency programme areas may be found in the Daily Journal published during the Conference.

P. External E-Mail Service

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

28. The public address is: "GENCONF03@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.

29. 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 Euros. 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. Registration for designated members for such cards will take place on Sunday and Monday at the ACV registration area.

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

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.



International Atomic Energy Agency

***New Horizons: Nuclear Energy in a
Changing World***

Scientific Forum

during the 47th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference

Conference Room C, Austria Center, Vienna

16-17 September 2003

Tentative Programme

Format

Each of the four sessions of the Scientific Forum will be introduced by a moderator knowledgeable in the specific field and followed by presentations by leading experts. Each session will conclude with a panel discussion. In all sessions, Scientific Forum participants will be encouraged to engage in discussions with the speakers and panellists.

Tuesday, 16 September 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Opening

- **Statement** by Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the IAEA

Session 1: Innovative Approaches: Nuclear Power

- **Outcome of the June IAEA Conference on "Innovative Technologies for Nuclear Fuel Cycles and Nuclear Power"**
- **International Initiatives in the Development of Innovative Technologies**
 - **GIF and other collaborative initiatives**
 - **Recent developments and future of INPRO project**
- **The future of Nuclear Power – An interdisciplinary MIT Study**
- **Hydrogen Utilization and the Role of Nuclear Energy**
- **Status and Prospects of Nuclear Power from Fusion**

Tuesday, 16 September 2003, 3:00 p.m.

Session 2: Innovative Approaches: Nuclear Medicine; Self-reliant Institutions

- **Innovations in Nuclear Medicine - Telemedicine**
- **Developing Greater Self-Reliance in the Nuclear Sector**

Wednesday, 17 September 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Session 3: IAEA Safety Standards: Towards Global Application

- **Making a Difference in the 21st Century: The Continuing Evolution of the IAEA Safety Standards**
- **The Industry Commitment to Global Transport Safety Standards**
- **Application of the IAEA Safety Standards : Ghanaian Experience**
- **Use of IAEA Safety Standards in the Development of European Safety Standards**

Wednesday, 17 September 2003, 3:00 p.m.

Session 4: Safeguards Technology: Challenges and Limitations

- **Drawing Safeguards Conclusions for the State as a Whole: The Role of Safeguards Technology**
- **The Use of Environmental Sampling to Detect Indications of Undeclared Nuclear Activities**
- **The Importance of Open Source Information and Satellite Imagery Analysis in Safeguards Implementation**
- **Future Safeguards Equipment Needs and Technology**

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING

16 September 2003
IAEA Board Room (C04)
Draft Programme
(as of 22 July)

Tuesday 16 September	
09:30–09:45	<i>Opening Remarks – Mr. T. Taniguchi, IAEA</i> Chairman: Mr. A-C. Lacoste, France
09:45-10:45	Session I: Safety Management and Safety Culture: Lessons Learned from Recent Events Summary of Workshop on NPP Events in Developed Nuclear Countries – W. Travers, US NRC; M. Lipár, IAEA Safety Management Lessons from PAKS Event – Mr. J. Ronaky, Hungary
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	International Sharing of Lessons Learned – J.J. Van Binnebeek, Belgium Safety Management in Radiation Protection – Mr. G.A.M. Webb, IRPA Discussion
12:30–14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	Session II: Radiological Emergencies: Learning from Past Events Radiological Emergencies in the Medical Practice – Mr. F.A. Mettler, USA Lessons Identified in the Response and Aftermath of the Radiological Accident in Smuthprakarn – Mr. M. Aramrattana, Thailand Standards for Emergency Preparedness Based on Analysis and Lessons from Past Events – Mr. T. McKenna, IAEA
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:15	International System for Nuclear and Radiological Emergency Response – Mr. F. Ugletveit, Norway Discussion
17:15-17:30	Chairman's Conclusions