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**Fifty-fifth regular session**

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## Advance Information for Delegations

### A. Opening of the Fifty-fifth Regular Session

1. The fifty-fifth regular session of the General Conference<sup>1</sup> will open on **Monday, 19 September 2011, at 10:00 a.m.** It will be held in the M building of the Vienna International Centre (VIC) and at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), next to the VIC.<sup>2</sup>
2. Plenary meetings of the Conference will take place in the M building, while meetings of the Committee of the Whole will take place in Hall F at the ACV.
3. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings, subsequent to the opening session, 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

4. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (**Saturday, 17 September and Sunday, 18 September 2011**), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are urged to avail themselves of these 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, 19 September**. This will contribute to the smooth running of the Conference. Accordingly, Member States should ensure – where necessary – that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in

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<sup>1</sup> The provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth regular session is contained in document GC(55)/1 and GC(55)/1/Add 1.

<sup>2</sup> See attached plans.

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. Requests should be submitted, preferably by email to the dedicated contact point i.e. [Meeting-Room-Reservations.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:Meeting-Room-Reservations.Contact-Point@iaea.org) or by fax: + 43 (1) 2600 29325. Telephone contact: + 43 (1) 2600/21324 or 21320.

## C. Notification of the Composition of Delegations

5. Member States are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. **This should be done through the IAEA's General Conference online registration system.** The direct Internet address is <http://gc-registration.iaea.org>. These pages can also be accessed through the Agency's website, <http://www.iaea.org>, within the IAEA General Conference sub link. Internet registration has been available since **Monday, 11 July 2011**. The specific usernames and passwords needed to access the website have been transmitted to Ministers of Foreign Affairs with copies to the Permanent Missions. If it is not possible to register online due to lack of access to the Internet, a communication to that effect should be sent to the IAEA Protocol Office, [gcrs.contact-point@iaea.org](mailto:gcrs.contact-point@iaea.org), which will provide alternative options for registration. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure<sup>3</sup> provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many alternates, advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.

6. A preliminary list (GC(55)/INF/9 Unofficial Edition) of members of delegations will be issued on **Monday, 19 September 2011**; it will include only those names which are received by the Secretariat by **Wednesday, 14 September 2011**. A final list (GC(55)/INF/9) of members of delegations will be issued on **Friday, 23 September 2011**. It will contain information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, 21 September 2011**. Electronic versions of both lists, when ready, will be available on the GC website.

7. If, during the session, changes are required to the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegations are requested to inform the Protocol Office in room M0E75 (M building, ground floor) in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

## D. Credentials of Delegates

8. 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 to facilitate the smooth proceedings of the Conference, in particular the work of the General Committee. In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned should be submitted to the Director General, preferably not later than seven days before the start of the Conference, i.e. **Monday, 12 September 2011**. If credentials have not been submitted by **Friday, 16 September 2011**, delegations are kindly requested to present them in their original version directly and only to the Credentials Officer in room M0E68 (M building, ground floor) either on

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<sup>3</sup> GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

*Sunday, 18 September 2011, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on Monday, 19 September, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.* It should be noted that credentials cannot be accepted during registration at Gate 1.

## E. Registration for Badges

9. Each participant attending the General Conference will require a badge with photograph in order to enter the VIC. . It should be noted that the display of badges within the premises of the VIC is mandatory at all times.

10. Participants who are **not** already in possession of a valid VIC grounds pass should register at Gate 1 of the VIC, where they will receive their badges upon presentation of a valid ID card with photograph.

11. Pre-printed grounds passes for returning participants and those who have supplied their photographs will be handed over at Gate 1, upon presentation of a valid ID card with photograph. It should be noted that no ground pass can be collected on behalf of a third party.

12. Participants who visit the VIC for the first time and have not sent their photograph, but have already registered (online or via Note Verbale), may proceed directly to the photo-badging area. Participants who have not registered, are requested to proceed to the online terminal at the registration desk, where staff will guide them through the registration process.

13. Participants are urged to take advantage of the advance registration facilities which will be made available on *Friday, 16 September 2011* and on *Sunday, 18 September 2011*, in order to avoid congestion on Monday morning, *19 September 2011*. As per usual practice, badge holders who are official delegates from Member States, are **not** subject to screening to gain access to the VIC. The opening hours for registration/badging at Gate 1 of the VIC are as follows:

Friday, 16 September	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 18 September	2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, 19 September	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 20 September to	
Friday, 23 September	8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

14. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on *Monday, 12 September 2011*, may register simultaneously for both the Board and the Conference at Gate 1 of the VIC *between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Monday, 12 September 2011, and Tuesday, 13 September 2011*, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Thursday, *8 September 2011*

## F. Documents

15. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically at <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC55/Documents/index.html>. Delegates 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. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room **F-152** in the VIC not later than *Friday, 16 September 2011*, and to specify its requirements for documents produced during the Conference on a form which will be available for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should direct their requests to the Documents Counter in the M building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, either on *Sunday, 18 September*

***2011, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on Monday, 19 September 2011, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.***

16. 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 Counter in the M building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

17. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the Secretary of the Committee of the Whole with the text **as early as possible**. This will greatly facilitate the conduct of business, particularly in the Committee of the Whole, which normally has to consider and make recommendations on a large number of draft resolutions.

## **G. Speakers in the General Debate**

18. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on ***Monday, 19 September 2011***, 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-2863). As Member States were informed by document GC(55)/INF/1, issued on 17 May 2011, inscription in the list of speakers started on 14 June 2011; a ballot was taken at 11:00 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States whose representatives had – between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – made a request for inscription in the list.<sup>4</sup> Member States requesting, after that time, inscription in the list are being added in the order in which they make their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

19. 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 the Plenary Hall, M building (1<sup>st</sup> floor). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

## **H. Statements in the General Debate**

20. 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, Delegates are required to keep the duration of their statements to **15 minutes** by focusing on the main points which they wish to make in order to avoid having to resort to extended or evening sessions in the Plenary.

21. 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, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements – a practice which is being followed in other UN system organizations.

22. To facilitate interpretation and public distribution of statements in the general debate, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer desk in advance.

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<sup>4</sup> This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

23. All statements, as received at the Conference Officer desk, will be made available as soon as possible after delivery on the IAEA's website, [www.iaea.org](http://www.iaea.org), in both PDF and audio-video format, unless the distribution is restricted by the Member State. In such a case, this should be clearly marked on the statement. A hard copy of the full texts (in the original language and as delivered at the Conference Officer desk in the Plenary Hall of M building) can also be made available to Member States upon request from the Delegation Service Office in M building, ground floor, room MOE23. It should be noted that only the statement as orally delivered will be included in the official records.

## **I. Working Languages and Interpretation**

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

25. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, in accordance with Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, arrange for interpretation themselves into one of the working languages

## **J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2012, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues**

26. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 7 June 2011 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of \$88 750 000 for Member States' contributions to the TCF for 2012, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2012) was issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States to the TCF before or during the General Conference.

27. 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 upcoming regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying Delegates of the contributions that Member States have pledged.<sup>5</sup> 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 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 the Plenary Hall of M building (1<sup>st</sup> floor) and who will arrange for the updated versions of the document to be issued.

28. Member States which are in a position to make their contributions to the TCF split 50% in dollars and 50% in euros are encouraged to do so, as this will help the Secretariat to match the anticipated outflows of TCF resources and will smooth TCF implementation for Member States.

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<sup>5</sup> The corresponding document of last year was GC(54)/15.

29. The Contributions Officer and her staff will also be available in room MOE67 (M building, ground floor), ext. 21350, to discuss regular budget and all other payment issues, as well as to 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**

30. The objective of the Scientific Forum 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 *Water Matters: Making a Difference with Nuclear Techniques*. The proposed programme of discussions, to take place on **20 to 21 September 2011**, is provided in Annex 1 to this document. All sessions will take place in the ACV, Hall E1.

31. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

32. The Scientific Forum is open to the public. Registration should be made via the participation form available on-line at: <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC55/ScientificForum/>

## **L. Technical Cooperation Meetings**

33. There will be meetings of the representatives of AFRA, ARCAL and RCA Cooperative Agreements, as well as of the representatives of Member States of ARASIA and Member States from the Europe region.

34. The timetable and venues of these technical cooperation meetings are as follows:

<b>RCA:</b>	Friday, 16 September, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M4
<b>ARASIA:</b>	Tuesday, 20 September, 9:00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6
<b>ARCAL:</b>	Tuesday, 20 September, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6
<b>AFRA:</b>	Thursday, 22 September; 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6
<b>TC Europe Region Meeting:</b>	Thursday, 22 September, 3.00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6

35. Consultations with the representatives of the majority of Member States which are engaged in technical cooperation 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.

## **M. Senior Regulators' Meeting**

36. 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 *Thursday, 22 September, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.* The provisional programme of the meeting is provided in Annex 2 to this document.

37. The meeting will take place in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Hall E2. Further information may be obtained from the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (Tel.:+ 43 (1) 2600-22696; E-mail: D.Delattre@iaea.org).

38. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

## **N. INSAG Forum on “Nuclear Safety after Fukushima”**

39. The INSAG Forum 2011 will focus on the substantive issues that arose from the Fukushima accident and on the necessary actions for strengthening safety at the national and international level. The Forum will be conducted as a roundtable discussion led by INSAG Chairman Mr Richard Meserve.

40. The Forum will take place on *Monday, 19 September 2011, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*, in the ACV, Hall E2.

## **O. Visits Organized in Conjunction with the Conference**

### **O.1. Visit to IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf**

41. On *Wednesday, 21 September 2011*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

42. The Laboratories, which are situated about 35 km southeast of Vienna, contribute to the Agency's programmes with activities in the following fields: nuclear verification, nuclear applications in mutation breeding, food safety, animal production and health, soil and water management, sterile insect technique, dosimetry, terrestrial environment and nuclear spectrometry. 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 at Seibersdorf for the benefit of Member States' laboratories and institutes.

43. Registration for this visit may be made by 12:00 noon on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011*, at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor. Due to security and logistics concerns visitors will have to use the transport means provided by the Agency. The number of places available is limited to 58. The assembly point for the visitors is the Information Desk at the entrance to M building, at 8:50 a.m., on *Wednesday, 21 September 2011*. The visitors will return to the VIC at around 1:00 p.m.

### **O.2. Visit to the Incident and Emergency Centre**

44. On *Wednesday, 21 September 2011, at 3:00 p.m.* and on *Thursday, 22 September 2011, at 2:00 p.m.*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC), which is situated in the VIC. The IEC serves as the Agency's focal point for responding to nuclear or radiological incidents and emergencies and for promoting improvement in Member

States' emergency response and preparedness. The visit will present the activities, infrastructure and communication procedures of the Agency's IEC. Registration for the visits should be made at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor. The assembly point is the Information Desk at the M building entrance, ground floor, at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 September 2011 and at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, 22 September 2011. The planned duration of each visit is 1 hour.

### **O.3. Visit to the Isotope Hydrology Laboratory**

45. On *Thursday, 22 September 2011*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Isotope Hydrology Laboratory, which is situated in the VIC. The Laboratory provides analytical support to the water resources programme, training for scientists from Member States and quality assurance services to isotope hydrology laboratories worldwide. The visit will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration for the visit should be made at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor. The assembly point is the Information Desk at the entrance to M building, at 1:50 p.m. Due to space constraints up to 30 visitors will be visit the Laboratory.

### **O.4. Visit to the Accredited Testing Laboratory for Individual Monitoring**

46. On *Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Accredited Testing Laboratory for individual monitoring which is located in the VIC.

47. The Radiation Monitoring and Protection Service assesses the occupational exposure of IAEA staff and contracted experts for external sources of radiation and intakes of radionuclides and provides assistance to Member States through fellowships and technical advice. The visit offers a view of the Whole Body Counter as well as all other laboratories, for instance those used for urine analyses and gamma, alpha and beta spectrometry.

48. Registration for this visit should be made at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor. The assembly point for delegates is the Information Desk at the entrance to M building. Due to space constraints a maximum of 20 visitors can visit the laboratory each day.

## **P. Events Organized and/or Co-sponsored by the IAEA Secretariat in Conjunction with the Conference's Session<sup>6</sup>**

### **P.1. Accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant – Progress and Future Actions**

49. At this event the Government of Japan will provide further information on the impact of the nuclear accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant as well as on the efforts of the Government to mitigate the consequences. A team of senior Japanese experts will make presentations and answer questions. The event which is co-sponsored by the IAEA will take place on Monday, 19 September 2011, at 4:30 p.m. in the ACV, Hall E2.

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<sup>6</sup> Further information on specific meetings, discussions, roundtables and briefings being organized in conjunction with the Conference's session as well as information on the various side events organized by Member States will be included in the Daily Journal available during the Conference. All events will also be announced daily on the monitors in the M building.

## **P.2. Efforts to Ensure Sustainable Supply of Medical Isotopes: Mo-99**

50. Ensuring the supply of Mo-99 has been a matter of concern since the problems that occurred with the supply in late 2007. Although the situation has eased with the supply of this important medical isotope, it is still fragile due to ageing reactors, the slow pace of conversion to the use of low enriched uranium for the production of Mo-99 and the time needed for the solution of the associated technical challenges. This event will update Member States on the status of global Mo-99 supply and brief them on the coordinated efforts of the IAEA and the OECD-NEA to help ensure international coordination of supply and to improve communication and demand-side management. It will take place on *Monday, 19 September 2011, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*, Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.

## **P.3. Round Table on Nuclear Safety and Security Knowledge Networking**

51. A Round Table on Nuclear Safety and Security Knowledge Networking will be organized under the framework of the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN) by the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security. At this event, the experience and efforts of Member States, the IAEA and Technical and Scientific Support Organizations (TSOs) and lessons to be learned from the Fukushima NPP accident will be shared, and further cooperation between nuclear safety regulatory bodies and TSOs will be explored. The European TSO network (ETSON) will highlight the activities in response to the Fukushima NPP accident. Emergency preparedness and R&D needs to further improve nuclear safety will be discussed. Recently, a Forum between Technical and Scientific Support Organizations (TSOF) was established. TSOF, whose objective is to encourage open dialogue and sharing of scientific and technical information among TSOs worldwide, will present its work during the meeting. The round table will also address capacity building in Member States through collaboration and cooperation among the GNSSN and regional knowledge networks (i.e. Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN), Ibero-American Forum of Nuclear and Radiation Safety and Security Regulatory Agencies (FORO), Forum for Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA), Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR) and European TSO Network (ETSON). The round-table will take place on *Wednesday, 21 September 2011, Meeting Room MOE79, 1:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

## **P.4. Sharing the results and experiences of the Ibero-American Forum of Nuclear and Radiation Safety Regulatory Agencies (FORO) with Regulators of the Region**

52. This event will review: (i) the FORO's activities to achieve its mission of promoting a high level of radiation and nuclear safety and security in the Ibero-American region; (ii) the technical programme based on identifying regional needs and sharing experiences towards a solution; (iii) the on-going and completed projects, and the newly approved activities; as well as (iv) the enhanced capabilities of the next web page version for regional experience sharing and networking. The session will end with a round table discussion. The language of the event will be Spanish. The event will take place on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, Meeting Room M4, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

## **P.5. The Regulatory Cooperation Forum (RCF): Helping Member States Build Effectively Independent and Robust Regulators of Nuclear Power**

53. The Department of Nuclear Safety and Security together with concerned Member States will provide an overview of RCF activities including accomplishments, challenges and lessons learned since the RCF was established in 2010. In addition, RCF members will provide their perspectives on these activities. The RCF aims at facilitating and promoting the coordination, collaboration and exchange of regulatory knowledge and experience among Member States involved in nuclear power, and at effectively facilitating the channelling of resources from Member States willing to provide support to those Member States building effectively independent and robust regulators of nuclear power. The Forum will take place on *Friday, 23 September 2011, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm, Meeting Room 4, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.6. Regulation and Supervision of Legacy Sites and Associated Facilities with Radiological Contamination**

54. This event will focus on the objectives and activities of the recently launched International Forum on Regulatory Supervision of Legacy Sites (RSLs). Legacy sites are nuclear sites that, for a variety of reasons, have not been remediated or decommissioned, for example, former uranium production sites and sites where nuclear fuel cycle facilities have been operated. Presentations will be made to highlight the nature and dimensions of the problem, and how the RSLs might assist Member States to improve safety. The event will take place on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, Meeting Room M4, 09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

## **P.7. Children and Radiation in Medicine – Protecting the Young Patients**

55. The purpose of this event is to provide information to Member States on: (a) the issues and challenges of radiation protection for children; (b) what has been done in recent years in developing and developed countries, including efforts by international organizations; (c) what resources are available; (d) what needs to be done further; and (e) how Member States can utilize available resources and participate in actions of international organizations. The event will take place on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, Meeting Room M4, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

## **P.8. Briefing on the Main Points and Conclusions from the incidents confirmed to the Illicit Trafficking Data Base (ITDB) by Member States**

56. This presentation, in view of the concerns that exist among Member States about illicit trafficking, will highlight the improvements in securing radiological material worldwide through ITDB membership. The briefing will take place on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, Meeting Room M4, 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.*

## **P.9. Developments in the Introduction of Nuclear Power**

57. This event will highlight recent developments in newcomer countries on topics of interest. It will also highlight international cooperation and partnerships for the introduction of nuclear power and will give an opportunity to experienced countries to describe their activities in support of newcomers. Information on the steps taken by the Agency in the last year to improve support to interested Member States in this fast moving and important area will be provided. A significant portion of the session will be devoted to questions and answers to allow for audience participation. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 21 September, 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m., IAEA Library, F building, first floor.*

## **P.10. Nuclear Industry Cooperation Forum**

58. In the aftermaths of the severe accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan, the Department of Nuclear Energy has established a new forum called “Nuclear Industry Cooperation Forum” for senior officers to share operating experiences and management strategies to enhance safety and improve performance. The objective of this forum is to identify and share recent experiences, relevant factors and approaches influencing safety and performance improvements as well as longterm strategies emerging after the Fukushima accident, including lessons learned. The meeting of the newly created Cooperation Forum will be held on *Wednesday, 21 September 2011, 3.15 p.m. – 5.45 p.m., Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.11. Addressing the Constraints to Implementing Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation in IAEA Member States**

59. This event will reflect on the barriers that constrain the implementation of decommissioning and environmental remediation programmes worldwide and explore ways to improve conditions for moving these activities forward in Member States where these activities are stagnant. Themes to be addressed will include: how to increase technical capacities in Member States; how to remove barriers that inhibit

cooperation between organisations with experience in decommissioning and environmental remediation; possible models for facilitating and strengthening partnerships for project development and the potential for establishing training centres to enhance technical capabilities at national and regional levels. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 21 September 2011, 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m., Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.12. INPRO Project Highlights – Adding Value for Member States**

60. This event will present some key INPRO activities:

- GAINS: this project has been modelling global and regional trends in the sustainable deployment of nuclear power;
- NESAs: Member States will share their experience in assessing the sustainability of national nuclear energy systems using the INPRO methodology;
- PRADA: this project investigated ways of enhancing proliferation resistance of innovative nuclear energy systems.
- INPRO's Future: a vision for INPRO's development over the next five years will be presented.

The event will take place on *Wednesday, 21 September 2011, 9.15 a.m. – 10.50 a.m., Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.13. Celebrating the Worldwide Freedom from Rinderpest**

61. This event will follow a 10-minute intervention on the “Declaration of World-Wide Rinderpest Freedom” in the course of the General Debate by a FAO Deputy Director General, Ms Ann Tutwiler. This high level celebratory event will highlight the Agencies contribution to the world-wide eradication of rinderpest. The event will be attended by high level representatives from a number of IAEA Member States as well as by senior officials of the IAEA and FAO, as well as the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the African Union Commission. The event will be held on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., M02 Foyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (outside Boardroom A).*

## **P.14. Briefing on the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT)**

62. The briefing will inform delegates and international partners about the progress made by PACT in the past two years. Representatives of Member States will speak about PACT's contribution to improved cancer survival by integrating radiotherapy into their comprehensive national cancer control programmes. The event will also provide information about the initiative of the Government of India to support the fight against cancer in low and middle income Member States through PACT. Representatives of India will speak about the activities implemented with India's involvement and are expected to announce donations to other Member States. Other donations in support of Member States' fight against cancer are also expected to be announced at the meeting. The briefing will be held on *Thursday, 22 September 2011, 2:00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m., Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.15. Mobile Learning with Human Health Campus**

63. A presentation of the Human Health Campus e-learning portal providing online resources for health professionals in radiation medicine will be made during the event. The Agency experts in the field will talk about the need to use information and communication technologies for capacity building, in particular in low and middle income countries. Interactive case studies available on the website will be presented as well as the vision to make this resource available for mobile phones in the future. The purpose of providing a mobile version of the website is to make it more easily accessible to medical professionals and students in developing countries. The event will be held on *Thursday, 22 September 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.16. Treaty Event**

64. The Secretariat is organizing a Treaty Event to coincide with the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Conference, aimed at promoting universal adherence to the multilateral treaties related to nuclear safety, security and liability for nuclear damage for which the IAEA is depositary.

65. The Treaty Event will be held on Monday, 19 September, and *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room MOE68 (M building, ground floor).*

66. A list of the treaties featured at the Treaty Event, a brief overview of their objectives and key provisions and procedural information relating to the Treaty Event can be found on the IAEA's website (<http://ola.iaea.org/OLA/treaties/multi.asp>).

## **P.17. Preparation of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety – Meeting of the General Committee Members**

67. At the 5<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety, held in Vienna in April 2011, Contracting Parties agreed to hold an Extraordinary Meeting in August 2012 in order to review and share lessons learned and actions taken by Contracting Parties in response to the Fukushima accident and to review the effectiveness and, if necessary, the continued suitability of the Convention. A meeting of the General Committee Members will be held to discuss the preparation of the Extraordinary Meeting on *Tuesday, 20 September, at 9:00 a.m., in Room F0811, F building, 8<sup>th</sup> floor.*

## **P.18. Briefing on Staffing the Agency: Inviting Commitment, Working for the IAEA**

68. A presentation will be given on the current status of Professional staffing in the Secretariat, sourcing initiatives and candidate attraction strategies designed to secure applications from the full range of Member States, in particular from the developing countries, and the Secretariat's efforts to increase the representation of women. Following the presentation, there will be an open discussion on how Member States and the Secretariat can cooperate in securing the highest quality staff to assist the Agency in meeting its objectives. The briefing will take place on *Tuesday, 20 September 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Briefing Room MOE79, M building, ground floor.*

## **P.19. Briefing Session for IGOs and NGOs**

69. A meeting with the participation of representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations attending the General Conference will take place on *Monday, 19 September 2011 at 5:00 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

## **Q. Exhibits and Displays**

70. Information on specific displays, including displays by Member States and the Secretariat, will be included in the Delegates' Handbook<sup>7</sup> and the Daily Journal available during the Conference.

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<sup>7</sup> See para. 73.

## **R. Information Technology Services**

### **R.1. External E-Mail and Internet Services**

71. Computers will be made available in the Internet Corners on the ground floor of the M building. Delegates may use these computers to access the Internet, including sending and receiving e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address. Delegates with their own laptops with wireless capability will be able to utilize the wireless access to Internet services which is available throughout the M building and in Foyer F of the ACV.

### **R.2. Web Broadcasting**

72. Plenary sessions and sessions of the Scientific Forum will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the IAEA's website: [www.iaea.org](http://www.iaea.org).

## **S. General Information**

73. For the convenience of delegations, a Delegates' Handbook in pocket format will be issued. It will contain useful information about the Conference, the Secretariat, exhibits, facilities and services. Participants are urged to keep the Handbook with them during the Conference.

### **S.1. Accommodation for Delegations**

74. 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. Delegations are advised to make their own bookings either directly with the hotels or through their Permanent Missions or Embassies/Consulates in Vienna.

### **S.2. VIC Entry for Official Cars**

75. Access arrangement to the VIC for delegations' cars is outlined in the attached plan "Delegates' entry and drop off points". The registered cars of Permanent Missions will be able to park as usual. However, due to limited parking space at the VIC, non-registered cars will be allowed entry only for drop off and pick-ups. Red entry cards that are to be used for official, chauffeured cars of delegates were sent to Member States on 19 July 2011. Additional cards can be obtained from the Protocol Office in Room A2878.

76. Paid parking facilities will be available at the ACV, adjoining the VIC.

### **S.3. VIC Commissary**

77. In accordance with the Headquarters Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Republic of Austria, 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. These cards can be collected from the Protocol Office in Room A2878 until **15 September 2011** or from the Registration desk at Gate 1 on **Friday, 16 September, Sunday, 18 September and Monday, 19 September 2011**. Any questions in connection with the issuance of commissary cards to heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office in room M0E75, M building, ground floor.



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## WATER MATTERS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES

### *Tentative Programme*

**Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

**10.00-12.00**    Session 1: Opening

*Followed by:*    Water Tasting

**13.00-15.00**    Lunch Break

**15.00-18.00**    Session 2: Water Matters: Making More Water Available

**Wednesday, 21 September 2011**

**10.00-13.00**    Session 3: Water Matters: Tackling Water Scarcity and Saving Water in Agriculture

**13.00-15.00**    Lunch Break

**15.00-18.00**    Session 4: Water Matters: Protecting the Oceans

*Followed by:*    Session 5: Closing



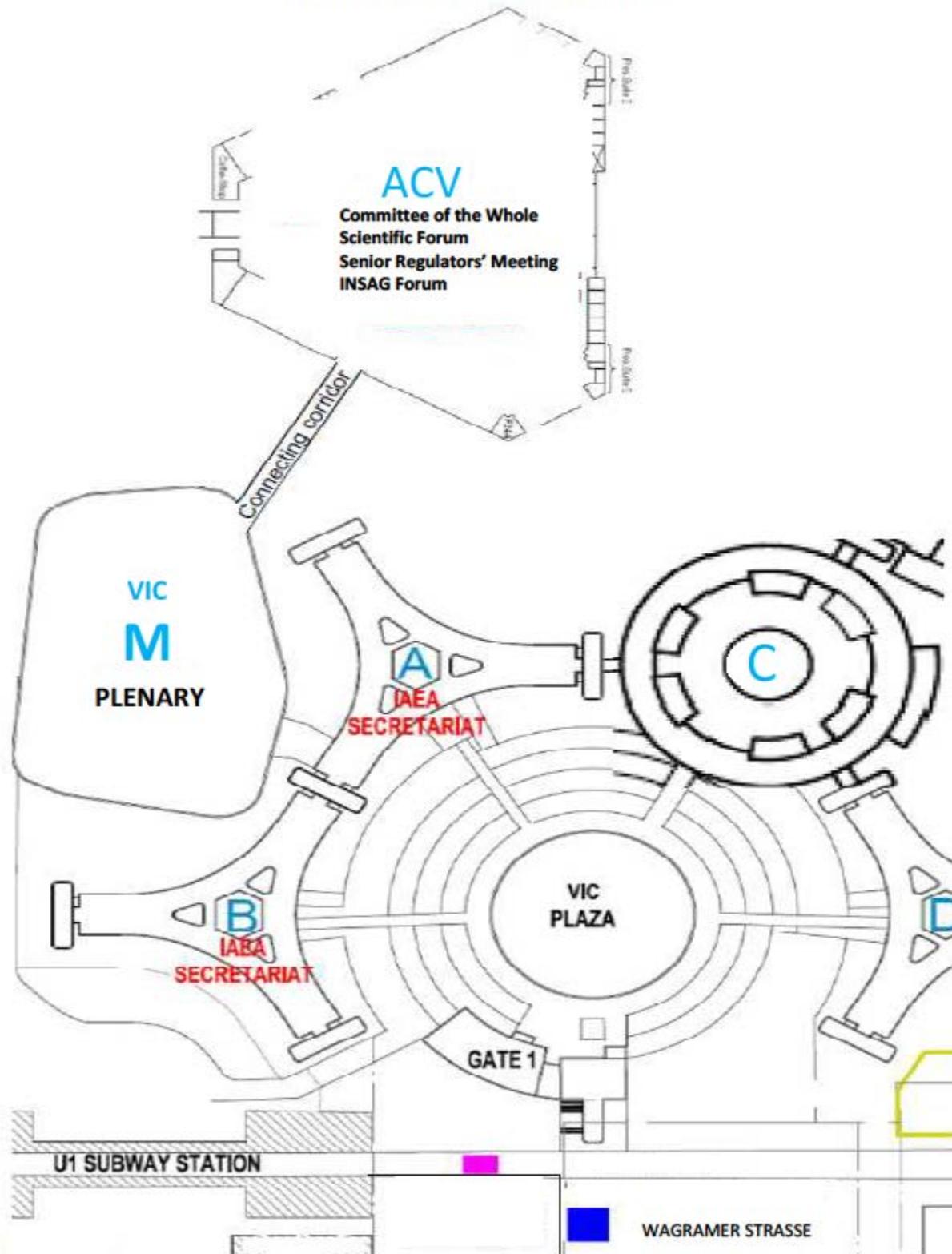
**GENERAL CONFERENCE: SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING**  
**22 September 2011**  
**Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Meeting Hall E2, Ground Floor**

**Provisional Programme**

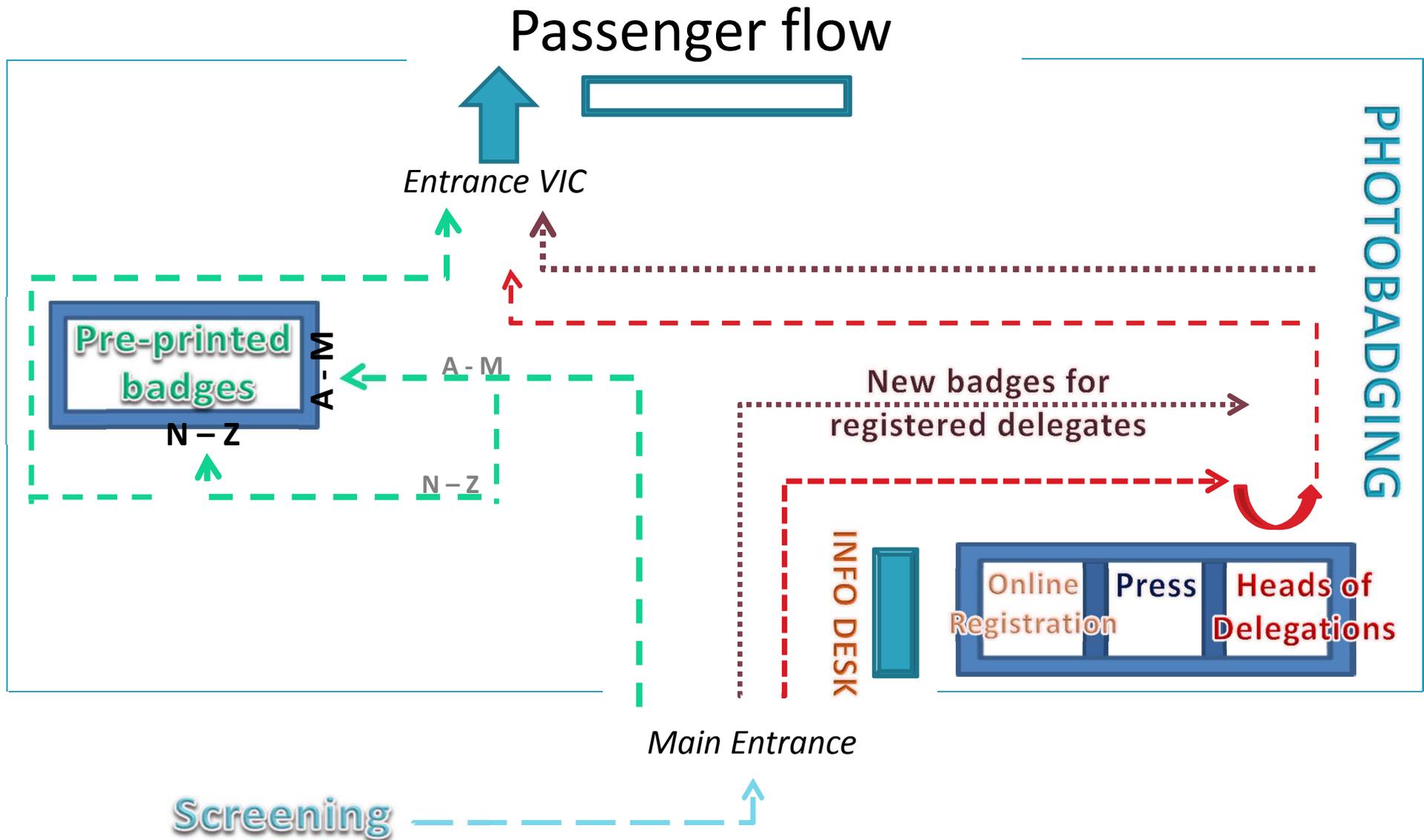
<b>Thursday 22 September</b>	
<b>09:00–09:15</b>	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
<b>09:15–10:30</b>	<p><b>Chairperson:</b></p> <p><b>Session I: Regulatory Challenges During and Following a Major Safety or Security Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In managing the event</li> <li>- In assessing the event and its evolution</li> <li>- In determining how to prevent recurrence and enforce implementation of safety/security enhancement provisions</li> <li>- In addressing public confidence issues</li> </ul>
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00–12:30</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: How to Address the Safety and Security Challenges Resulting from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Accident in a Synergistic Manner?</b>
<b>12:30–14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>14:00–15:10</b>	<p><b>Session II: Safety and Security Aspects of the Management of High Level Waste and Spent Fuel</b></p> <p>How does the disposal option, as opposed to long term storage, improve both safety and security?</p> <p>IAEA Perspective</p> <p>National and regional perspectives</p>
<b>15:10–15:30</b>	How can international peer reviews further assist Member States?
<b>15:30–16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00–17:00</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Disposal of High Level Waste and Spent Fuel —The Preferred Approach for Improving Safety, Security and Public Acceptance</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<i>Chairperson's Summary</i>



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# GENERAL CONFERENCE 2011 REGISTRATION AT GATE 1



# IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE 2011 DELEGATIONS' ENTRY AND DROP OFF POINTS

