
Fifty-sixth regular session

Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the Fifty-sixth Regular Session

1. The fifty-sixth regular session of the General Conference¹ will open on **Monday, 17 September 2012, 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.²
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 seated by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. If night 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, 15 September and Sunday, 16 September 2012**), facilities for group meetings can be 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, 17 September**. This will contribute to the smooth running of the Conference.

¹ The provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth regular session is contained in document GC(56)/1, GC(56)/1/Add.1, GC(56)/1/Add.2 and GC(56)/1/Add.3.

² See attached plans.

Accordingly, 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. Requests should be submitted, preferably by email, to the dedicated contact point i.e. GC-Conference-Services.Contact-Point@iaea.org, or by fax: +43 (1) 2600 29325. Telephone contact: +43 (1) 2600/21314 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 Agency'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, 16 July 2012*. 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, which will provide alternative options for registration. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure³ 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(56)/INF/9 Unofficial Edition) of members of delegations will be issued on *Monday, 17 September 2012*; it will include only those names which are received by the Secretariat by *Wednesday, 12 September 2012*. A final list (GC(56)/INF/9) of members of delegations will be issued on *Friday, 21 September 2012*. It will contain information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 5.00 p.m. on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012*. The electronic version of the final, official list, 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, 10 September 2012*. If credentials have not been submitted by *Friday, 14 September 2012*, delegations are kindly requested to

³ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

present them in their original version directly and only to the Credentials Officer in room M0E68 (M building, ground floor) either on ***Sunday, 16 September 2012, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on Monday, 17 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 of the VIC.

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. As mentioned in para. 5, all participants are required to register online on the Agency's website. Pre-printed badges for registered participants from Member States' delegations, who have sent their photographs using the required online link, may be picked up, as of 9 a.m. on ***Friday, 14 September 2012***, upon presentation of a valid ID card with photograph, at the registration desk inside Gate 1. During the morning of ***Monday, 17 September 2012*** (7.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon), badges can be picked up in the area designated for this purpose outside Gate 1 (see attached plan), following which delegates may enter the VIC through the dedicated Staff Entrance at Gate 1 without having to go through security screening.

11. Registered participants, other than those belonging to Member States' delegations, who have sent their photograph, should enter through the Visitor's Entrance at Gate 1, go through security screening and pick up their badge at the Information Desk inside Gate 1 (see attached plan), where they will receive their badges upon presentation of a valid ID card with photograph.

12. Participants who have registered online but did not send a photograph, should also enter the VIC through the Visitor's Entrance at Gate 1, and may proceed directly to the photo-badging area in the Pass Office, after going through security screening.

13. Participants who have not registered are requested to also enter through the Visitor's Entrance at Gate 1 and proceed to the designated IAEA Registration Desk, where staff will assist them with the registration process. Participants are urged to take advantage of the advance registration facilities which will be made available on ***Friday, 14 September 2012*** and on ***Sunday, 16 September 2012***, in order to avoid congestion on Monday morning, ***17 September 2012***. The opening hours for registration/badging at Gate 1 of the VIC are as follows:

Friday, 14 September	9.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, 16 September	2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Monday, 17 September	7.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 18 September to	
Friday, 21 September	8.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

14. General Conference participants are requested to collect their badges in person. However, representatives of Permanent Missions, duly authorized by the Resident Representative or the Chargé d'Affaires, may collect the badge for their respective Head of Delegation. Permanent Missions may also arrange for the collection of conference badges for all members of their delegation on either ***Friday, 14 September 2012***, or ***Sunday, 16 September 2012***, at the times indicated in para. 13 above. In such cases, however, the person designated to collect these will need to (a) be in possession of an appropriate authorization, signed by the Resident Representative or the Chargé d'Affaires, and (b) be fully responsible for the delivery of the badges to all members of his/her delegation. **Once collected, badges can neither be returned to the Registration Desk nor reprinted.**

15. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on **Monday, 10 September 2012**, may register simultaneously for both the Board and the Conference by entering through Gate 1 of the VIC and proceeding to the Pass Office.

F. Documents

16. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically at <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC56/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, 14 September 2012**, 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, 1st floor, either on **Sunday, 16 September 2012, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on Monday, 17 September 2012**.

17. 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, 1st floor.

18. 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

19. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on **Monday, 17 September 2012**, 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(56)/INF/1, issued on 11 May 2012, inscription in the list of speakers started on 11 June 2012; 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.⁴ 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.

20. 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 (1st floor). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

⁴ This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

H. Statements in the General Debate

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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, 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 room M0E23, M building, ground floor. It should be noted that only the statement as orally delivered will be included in the official records.

I. Working Languages and Interpretation

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

26. 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 2013, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues

27. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 5 June 2012 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of \$88 750 000 for Member States' contributions to the TCF for 2013, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2013) 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.

28. 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.⁵ 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 (1st floor) and who will arrange for the updated versions of the document to be issued.

29. 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.

30. The Contributions Officer and her staff will also be available in room M0E67 (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

31. 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 *Food for the Future: Meeting the Challenges with Nuclear Applications*. The proposed programme of discussions, to take place from **18 to 19 September 2012**, is provided in Annex 1 to this document. All sessions will take place in the ACV, Hall E1.

32. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

33. The Scientific Forum is open to the public. Registration should be made via the participation form available online at: <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC56/ScientificForum/>.

L. Technical Cooperation Meetings

34. 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.

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

RCA: Friday, 14 September, 9.00 a.m.–5.30 p.m.
M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M4

ARASIA: Tuesday, 18 September, 9.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.
M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6

⁵ The corresponding document of last year was GC(55)/22.

ARCAL:	Tuesday, 18 September, 3.00 p.m.–6.00 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6
AFRA:	Thursday, 20 September; 10.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M7
TC Europe Region Meeting:	Thursday, 20 September, 3.00 p.m.–4.30 p.m. M building, ground floor, Meeting Room M6

36. 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

37. 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, 20 September 2012, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.** The provisional programme of the meeting is provided in Annex 2 to this document.

38. 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; Email: D.Delattre@iaea.org).

39. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

N. INSAG Forum: Assessing Progress in Worldwide Nuclear Safety

40. The INSAG Forum 2012 will consider the progress made toward strengthening global nuclear safety in the light of the accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station. The Forum will be conducted as a roundtable discussion of invited panellists led by INSAG Chairman Mr Richard Meserve, with suitable time available for audience participation.

41. The Forum will take place on **Monday, 17 September 2012, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., in the ACV, Hall E2**.

O. Visits Organized in Conjunction with the Conference

O.1. Visit to IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf

42. On **Thursday, 20 September 2012**, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

43. The Laboratories, which are situated about 35 km southeast of Vienna, contribute to the Agency's programmes with activities in the areas of nuclear verification and nuclear applications in varied fields

such as mutation breeding, food safety, animal production and health, soil and water management, sterile insect technique, nuclear spectrometry and accelerators, radiation dosimetry and terrestrial environment monitoring. The laboratories are also a training centre in these areas 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.

44. Registration for this visit may be made by 12.00 noon on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012*, 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 *Thursday, 20 September 2012*. The visitors will return to the VIC at around 1.00 p.m.

O.2. Visit to the Incident and Emergency Centre

45. On *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, at 3.00 p.m. and on Thursday, 20 September 2012, 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, 19 September 2012* and at 1.45 p.m. on *Thursday, 20 September 2012*. The planned duration of each visit is 1 hour.

O.3. Visit to the Isotope Hydrology Laboratory

46. On *Tuesday, 18 September 2012*, 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

47. On *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, Wednesday, 19 September 2012, and Thursday, 20 September 2012*, 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.

48. The Radiation Monitoring and Protection Service assesses the occupational exposure of Agency 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 Laboratory as well as all other laboratories, for instance those used for urine analyses and gamma, alpha and beta spectrometry.

49. 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 Agency Secretariat in Conjunction with the Conference's Session⁶

P.1. Treaty Event

50. The Secretariat is organizing a Treaty Event to coincide with the fifty-sixth 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 Agency is depositary.

51. The Treaty Event will be held on *Monday, 17 September 2012, and Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 9.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. in room M0E69 (M building, ground floor).*

52. 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 Agency's website (<http://ola.iaea.org/OLA/treaties/multi.asp>).

P.2. Briefing Session for IGOs and NGOs

53. A meeting with the participation of representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations attending the General Conference will take place on *Monday, 17 September 2012 at 5.00 p.m., in Meeting Room M6, M building, ground floor.*

P.3. Nuclear Security Education and Training

54. The event seeks to make States aware of the developments over the past year in the fields of nuclear security education and training, in particular the development of the European Master's Degree in Nuclear Security, the establishment of the nuclear security support centres network and assistance available to States wishing to set up support centres. The event will give examples of training courses delivered through the Agency and will take place on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.4. Development of a Metal Recycling Code of Conduct

55. The objective of this side event is to inform Member States about this important initiative and for the Secretariat to receive feedback from Member States. The side event will take place on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.5. Responsible Uranium Mining Forum

56. The side event, conducted as a panel discussion with Secretariat and Member State panellists, will provide industry, government and regulator perspectives on some of the challenges which lie ahead for the uranium production sector, including the prospects for bringing new mines into production in order to meet the demand of the markets in the short and long term. The event will take place on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., in M0E79.*

⁶ Further information on specific meetings, discussions, roundtables and briefings being organized in conjunction with the Conference's session as well as additional 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.6. 15th Anniversary of the Ibero-American Forum of Radiological and Nuclear Regulatory Agencies

57. The 15th anniversary celebration of the Ibero-American Forum of Radiological and Nuclear Regulatory Agencies and 1st plenary meeting of this year (Forum members: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Uruguay) will be held on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., in Hall E2, ACV.*

P.7. 2nd Nuclear Operating Organization Cooperation Forum

58. The 2nd Nuclear Operating Organization Cooperation Forum will identify and share, from the owner-operator's perspective, recent experiences, relevant factors and approaches influencing safety and performance improvements as well as long-term strategies emerging after the Fukushima Daiichi accident. This forum is part of the implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. The forum will be held on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the Library, Room F0146, F building, 1st floor..*

P.8. Peer reviews and advisory services as a tool for needs identification

59. The purpose of the meeting is to make Member States aware of the value of Agency advisory services for identifying nuclear security needs and actions to be taken. The meeting will also highlight the outcome of the IPPAS Missions in France and the UK. This event will take place on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.9. Event Reporting for Medical Exposures

60. This side event is designed to review (i) the importance of learning lessons from radiation events in medicine in order to enhance safety for patients, and (ii) opportunities to share information in practice, through Agency-developed international voluntary reporting systems for educational purposes in interventional procedures and radiotherapy. The side event will take place on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 12.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.10. Nuclear Energy for Energy Security

61. With growing energy demands particularly in developing countries and dwindling oil reserves, nuclear energy may have a role to play in the 21st Century as a low carbon source of electricity. This side event will discuss energy policy issues and conditions for the sustainable development of nuclear power, with exchanges between newcomers and experienced Member States. It will also showcase the Department of Nuclear Energy's work for the benefit of Member States. The side event will take place on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., in the Library, Room F0146, F building, 1st floor.*

P.11. Challenges and New Considerations for the Defence in Depth Concept for Nuclear Power Plants

62. This side event is aimed at addressing the current thinking and applications of the defence in depth safety concept for nuclear power plants (NPPs). The goal is also to identify trends and possibilities for further development of the concept, as well as challenges and applications in international nuclear safety activities. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 8.30 a.m. to 10.15 a.m., in the ACV, Hall E2.*

P.12. Enhancing Global Nuclear Energy Sustainability: Briefing on the International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO)

63. This event, conducted as a panel discussion with Secretariat and Member State panellists, will brief GC delegates about new INPRO activities implemented in the 2012–2013 INPRO Action Plan, and programme planning for the next biennium (2014–2015). In particular, the areas of global nuclear energy scenarios and long-range nuclear energy strategies will be discussed. Member States' representatives will also highlight national perspectives, their involvement in and benefits from INPRO activities in relation to national efforts for developing sustainable nuclear energy systems. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.13. Site and External Events Design (SEED) service of the International Seismic Safety Centre (ISSC)

64. This event is intended to provide Member States with an overview of the SEED review service and how it can meet their needs. The SEED service provides assistance relating to safety infrastructure and human resource development and covers site evaluation and the design of nuclear installations against the demands of external hazards, both natural and human induced. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, in the ACV, Hall E2.*

P.14. Integrated Approaches in Nuclear Work Force Development

65. At this side event universities and other educational institutes in Member States will share their experiences in international networking and collaboration, integration and outreach. The event should be of particular interest to 'newcomer' countries. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.15. Role and Challenges of Future Owner/Operators in Embarking Countries on Nuclear Power

66. During this side event future owner/operators will present how to prepare for their first NPP, focusing on the commitment to safety, capacity building and cooperation with vendor countries. The various stages of nuclear power programmes will be covered, including licensing and construction as well as interaction with government and vendors. Strengthening the capability of operators and Agency support to capacity building of operators will also be addressed. The side event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m., in the ACV, Hall E2.*

P.16. Briefing on Staffing the Agency: Inviting Commitment, Working for the IAEA

67. 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 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 staff of the highest quality to assist the Agency in meeting its objectives. The briefing will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, at 1.00 p.m. in Meeting Room M6, M building, ground floor.*

P.17. Global Constraints to Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation

68. This event, a continuation of a similar event that took place in 2011, will help assess the causes that delay the implementation of decommissioning and environmental remediation projects worldwide and the potential solutions. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.18. Establishing Safety Infrastructure for Countries Embarking on Nuclear Power

69. The side event will provide an overview and an opportunity for participants to obtain practical ‘hands on’ experience to access relevant material using dedicated work stations that will be installed in the event hall. The side event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., in the ACV, Hall E2.*

P.19. Round Table for Capacity Building for Nuclear Safety

70. This side event will seek Member States’ advice and feedback on the Agency’s capacity building concept and activities developed to support the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. The event will also encourage Member States to conduct self-evaluation of their capacity building activities for nuclear safety. This will help the Agency to better target its future capacity building activities for nuclear safety to help fill existing gaps in Member States. The side event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 3.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., in the ACV, Hall E2.*

P.20. Sustainable Energy Development after Rio+20: PESS Support to Member States

71. The critical role energy plays in the development process is recognized in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), which emphasizes the importance of access to modern energy services for all from a mix including renewable sources, as well as other low-emission and advanced technologies. Activities in the Agency’s Planning and Economic Studies Section’s (PESS’s) work programme help Member States in implementing energy decisions. This side event provides an overview of recently achieved milestones and new initiatives in energy planning tools and capacity building as well as in energy–economy–environment analysis in sustainable energy development. The event will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.21. European Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering (EMSNE) Award Ceremony

72. The Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy, together with representatives of the European Nuclear Education Network (ENEN) Association, will present EMSNE certificates to 24 laureates. The award ceremony will take place on *Thursday, 20 September 2012, from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in M02 Foyer, M building.*

P.22. Learning on the Go: Mobile E-learning Modules for Radiation Medicine Specialists

73. This event will present the achievements of the Agency’s Division of Human Health in producing flexible real time mobile learning modules (including webinars) that can be accessed via desktops, smartphones, iDevices and tablets by Member States. It will take place on *Thursday, 20 September 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.23. PACT: Building Partnerships to Fight the Global Cancer Epidemic

74. Seven years after its inception, the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT) will host an event that is intended to provide Member States with a brief description of PACT's role, achievements, challenges and lessons learned. It will also serve to explore possible new proposals and future directions to support low and middle income Member States in their cancer control efforts. The event will be held on *Thursday 20 September 2012, from 11.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.24. Nuclear Applications Laboratories at Seibersdorf: A journey through 50 years and outlook for the future

75. This side event will inform Member States about the important work carried out in the Agency's nuclear applications laboratories. A unique feature in the UN system, the laboratories provide human resources development and R&D benefits to Member States. The event will also highlight the need to sustain and improve the laboratories' facilities. The event will be held on *Thursday 20 September 2012, from 1.00 p.m. to 2.40 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.25. National Comprehensive Assessment of Water Resources: the IAEA Water Availability Enhancement (IWAVE) Project

76. This side event will highlight the work done through IWAVE, including an exhibition displaying information material regarding countries involved in IWAVE (pop up wall, roll-ups, brochures, slide show). The event will be held on *Thursday 20 September 2012, from 2.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.26. Response and Assistance Network (RANET): Experience of Use in Providing International Assistance

77. The event will serve to present the Response and Assistance Network (RANET), share important experiences in emergency international assistance using RANET, and encourage Member States to register in RANET. The event will take place on *Thursday, 20 September 2012, from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, in M0E79.*

P.27. Nuclear Technology for a Sustainable Future

78. This side event will inform Member States about the Agency's presence at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the outcome of the conference and the Agency's contribution to sustainable development. The event will be held on *Thursday 20 September 2012, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.28. The Regulatory Cooperation Forum (RCF): Helping Member States Build Effectively Independent and Robust Regulators of Nuclear Power

79. The objective of this event is to provide an overview of RCF activities including accomplishments, challenges and lessons learned since the RCF was established in 2010. 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 event will take place on *Friday, 21 September 2012, 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 pm, in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.29. Technical Workshop on the Accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station organized by the Government of Japan

80. At this event the Government of Japan will provide further information on the impact of the nuclear accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station as well as on the efforts of the Government to mitigate the consequences. A team of senior Japanese experts will give presentations and answer questions. This event is co-sponsored by the Agency. The Workshop will take place on *Monday, 17 September 2012 at 4.30 p.m., in Hall E2, ACV.*

P.30. Plenary of the Technical and Scientific Support Organization Forum (TSOF)

81. The Technical and Scientific Support Organization Forum (TSOF) was established as a dedicated platform to nuclear safety infrastructure development issues related to scientific and technical support. The adoption of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety further highlighted the need of the TSOF. The objectives of the plenary are to inform about the structure and the working methods of the Forum; to report about the progress of activities of the Forum based on the working plan defined at the first Steering Committee meeting; to further promote the Forum to those countries which are interested in the cooperation of technical and scientific support organizations (TSOs) such as embarking countries and those which are in the process of building up TSO capacity; and to invite TSOs to join the Forum. The meeting will be held on *Tuesday, 18 September 2012, from 3.00 to 6.00 p.m., in Meeting Room M4, M building, ground floor.*

P.31. Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) Plenary Meeting

82. The objectives of the ANSN Plenary Meeting are to facilitate the establishment of safety infrastructure for nuclear power programmes within Member States and capacity building within the region via strong commitment from high level management in ANSN Member States; to serve as a top decision making authority and assist in formulation of national strategies related to "Vision of ANSN for year 2020" implementation; and to act as a forum to discuss needs and perspectives as well as disseminate and share good practices and achievements. The meeting will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E79, M building, ground floor.*

P.32. Coastal Shipping States Meeting

83. The side event provides a forum for discussion on communication between relevant shipping and coastal States. The event deals with communication surrounding international transport, and will consider the recommendations of the conference held in October 2011. The meeting takes place in response to General Conference resolutions, and will be hosted by Ireland this year. The event includes Agency involvement and will take place on *Wednesday, 19 September 2012 from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M6, M building, ground floor.*

Q. Exhibits and Displays

84. Information on specific displays, including displays by Member States and the Secretariat, will be included in the Delegates' Handbook⁷ and the Daily Journal available during the Conference.

⁷ See para. 91.

R. Information Technology Services

R.1. IT Service Desk

85. For the duration of the General Conference, the IAEA Division of Information Technology's Customer Services Section will be providing service desk facilities. They can be reached at extension 27222 and are located in room number M0E24 on the ground floor of the M building.

R.2. External Email and Internet Services

86. Computers will be made available in the Internet Corners on the ground floor of the M building for delegates wishing to access the Internet and email.

87. Virus scanning stations will be available to ensure that any portable media is free from viruses. These machines can also be used to access contents from USB drives and CD-ROMs/DVDs.

88. 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. The wireless access point named 'VIC' is publicly accessible. In addition, a delegates-only wireless access point called 'VIC Guest' is password protected; the password for the 'VIC Guest' access point is provided on the reverse side of the delegates' badges.

R.3. Delegate's Aide Services

89. A "Delegate's Aide" service will be provided for document support to the delegates. It is located in room number M0E23 on the ground floor of the M building. The staff and computers in this room will facilitate document services such as drafting, formatting and editing as needed by the delegates.

R.4. Web Broadcasting

90. Plenary sessions and sessions of the Scientific Forum will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the Agency's website: www.iaea.org.

S. General Information

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

S.1. VIC Entry for Official Cars

92. Arrangements for access 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-up. Red entry cards that are to be used for official, chauffeured cars of delegates were sent to Member States on 31 July 2012. Additional cards can be obtained from the Protocol Office in Room A2878.

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

S.2. VIC Commissary

94. 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 ***Thursday, 13 September 2012*** or from the Registration desk at VIC Gate 1 on ***Friday, 14 September, Sunday, 16 September and Monday, 17 September 2012***. 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.

Scientific Forum 2012

FOOD FOR THE FUTURE: MEETING THE CHALLENGES WITH NUCLEAR APPLICATIONS

Vienna, Austria
18–19 September 2012

Programme

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

- 10.00–12.00 *Session I*: Opening
- 12.00–14.30 Lunch Break
- 14.30–17.00 *Session II*: Food for the Future: Increasing Food Production
- 18.00–20.00 Reception at the VIC restaurant

Wednesday, 19 September 2012

- 10.00–12.30 *Session III*: Food for the Future: Ensuring Food Protection
- 12.30–14.30 Lunch Break
- 14.30–16.40 *Session IV*: Food for the Future: Enhancing Food Safety
- 16.45–17.00 Closing

56th REGULAR SESSION OF THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE**SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING**

**Austria Center Vienna (ACV)
Meeting Hall E2, Ground Floor**

20 September 2012

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 September	
09.00–09.15	Opening Remarks
09.15–10.30	Chairperson's Introductory Remarks Session I: Best Practices in Planning for Remediation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAEA Safety Standards for Remediation • Involvement of Stakeholders • Application of the Optimization Principle
10.30–11.00	Coffee Break
11.00–12.30	Session II: Specific Challenges in Implementing Remediation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediation of Legacy Uranium Sites • Remediation of Other Legacy Sites from Past Activities • Large Scale Post-Accident Remediation • Small Scale Post-Accident Remediation
12.30–14.00	Lunch Break
14.00–15.00	Panel Discussion: Overall Decision Making in Planning for Remediation
15.00–15.30	Coffee Break
15.30–17.00	Session III: Regulatory Challenges in Nuclear Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Protection for Nuclear Facilities: Physical, Cyber and Information Protection • Interface with Other Nuclear Security Stakeholders • Challenge of Transparency in Nuclear Security
17.00	Chairperson's Summary

IAEA General Conference 2012 OVERVIEW PLAN

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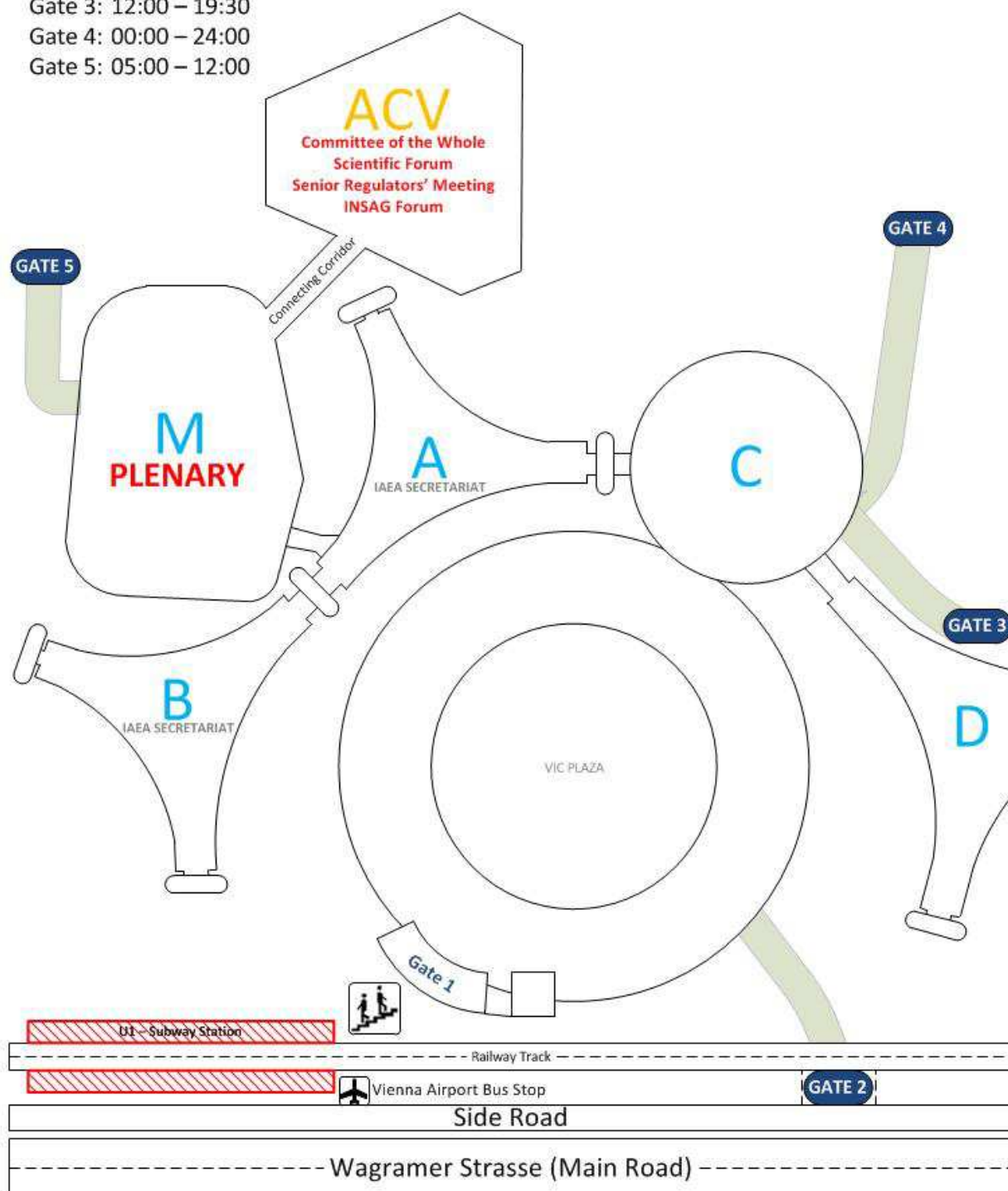
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Gate 2: 07:30 – 19:00

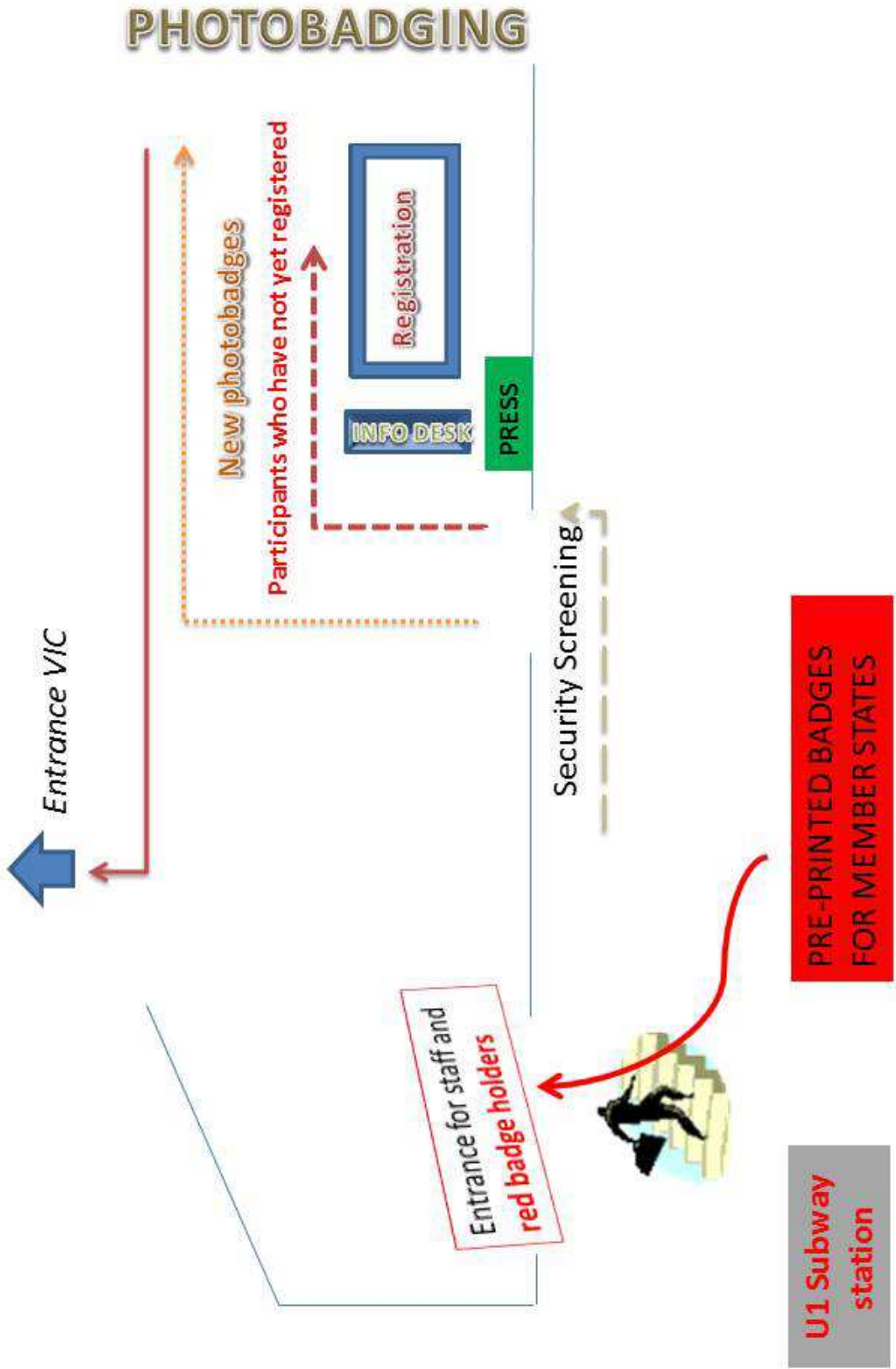
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Gate 4: 00:00 – 24:00

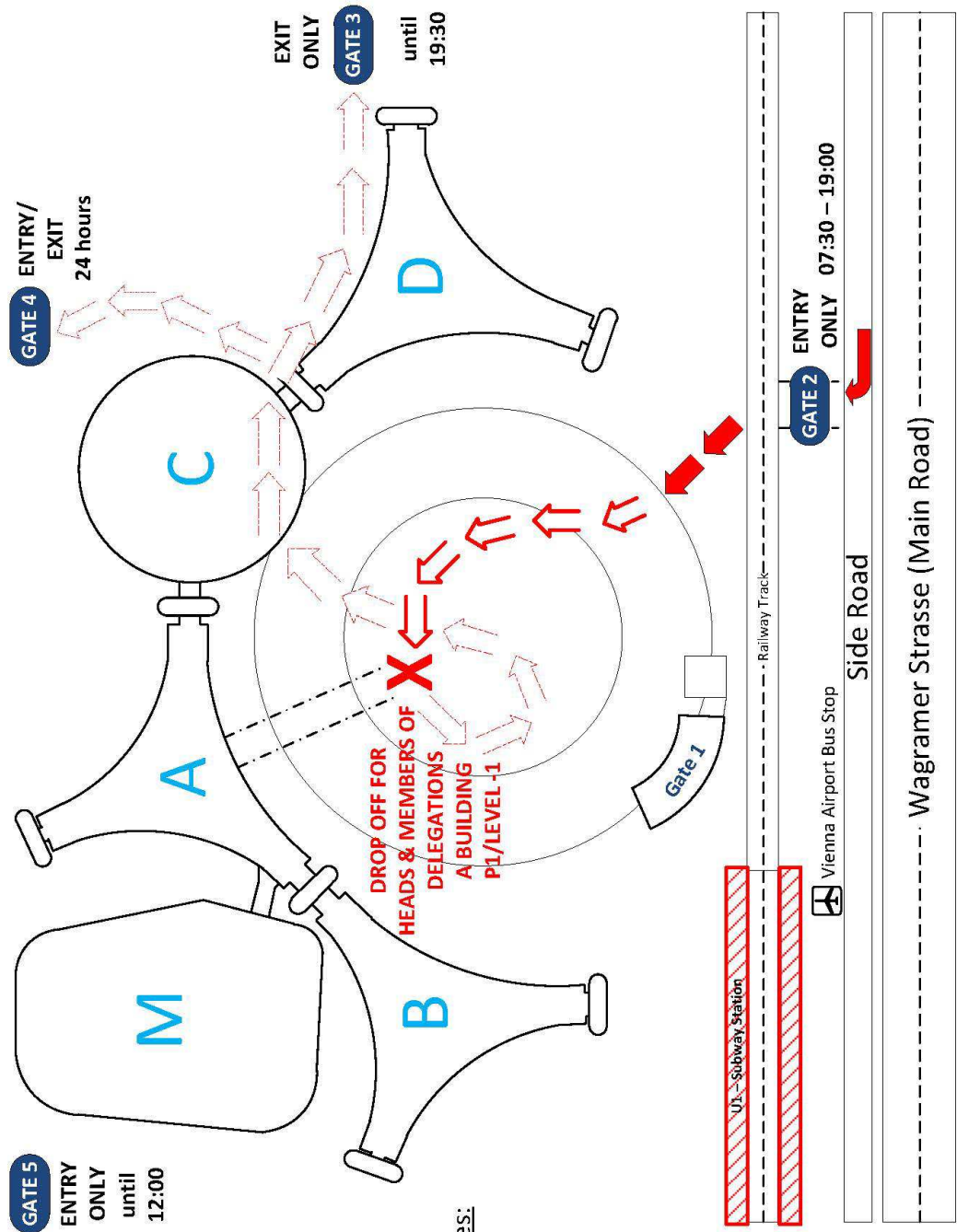
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GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012 REGISTRATION AT GATE 1



IAEA General Conference 2012 DELEGATIONS' ENTRY AND DROP OFF POINTS



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- Gate 3: 12:00 – 19:30
- Gate 4: 00:00 – 24:00
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