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# Arrangements for the Conference

1. Following a series of Member States' consultations conducted by the IAEA Secretariat on the arrangements for the 65th regular session of the General Conference, Member States have agreed by silence procedure on 19 July to these arrangements so that the General Conference can pursue its work in the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The arrangements provide the framework for the conduct of the General Conference and are set out in the Annex to this document.
2. This document is intended to enable the General Conference to approve the above-mentioned arrangements and to apply them during the 65th regular session of the General Conference.



## Arrangements for GC (65)

The 65th regular session of the IAEA General Conference (GC), will be held from 20 to 24 September 2021, in the Vienna International Centre (VIC). Given the current Austrian health and safety measures in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is expected that the GC will be held as a physical meeting with a possibility of remote connection. On the basis of the current situation, and the recent easing of measures as announced by the host country, and taking into account the safety and health considerations for Member States, the arrangements for the GC described below are envisaged. Should the situation change at any stage before the GC, there may be a need to revise these arrangements accordingly.

### Participation and attendance at meetings

- The Plenary meetings will be held in the Plenary Hall of the M-Building of the VIC. Attendance for each Member State will be limited to up to four (4) representatives in the Plenary Hall at any given time. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other observers will be represented by one (1) representative each at any given time in the Plenary Hall. Floating badges for the Plenary Hall will be used by participants accordingly.
- The Committee of the Whole (CoW) meetings will take place in Board Room C in the C-Building and will run in parallel with meetings of the Plenary. Attendance is limited to one (1) representative per delegation. Floating badges for the CoW will be used by participants accordingly.
- Floating badges will be differentiated by colour for the respective Plenary and CoW meetings.
- Virtual participation will be facilitated through the Interprefy IT platform for each of the Plenary and the CoW meetings of the GC, and the following arrangements are envisaged:
  - a) Three (3) registered devices/electronic links per Member State.
  - b) One (1) registered device/electronic link per UN specialized agencies, IGOs, NGOs and other observers.
- The proceedings of the Plenary will be as usual livestreamed in all official languages of the GC on the GC website (no pre-registration needed).
- In case of voting in the Plenary, at least one representative per Member State will be required to be physically present in the Plenary Hall where the voting will take place. Casting a vote virtually will not be possible.
- In light of the use of the Interprefy platform, there will be 3 2-hour sessions per day. There will be also the possibility to schedule additional sessions, if required. Member States will be informed on any changes to the scheduled hours in due course.
- To avoid overcrowding the VIC during the GC, Member States are encouraged to keep the number of their delegates accessing the VIC for the purposes of the GC to a minimum.

- As per the procedures for online registration introduced in October 2020, Member States are requested to register their respective delegations through the InTouch+ online portal. There is no limitation on the total number of registered participants per delegation.
- Before the opening of registration on Thursday, 12 August 2021, the Secretariat will provide additional information regarding the registration for the GC, distribution of floating badges, technical guidance on the use of, and registration for, the Interpretrefy platform for the Plenary and the CoW meetings.

### **General Debate**

- Member States are requested to limit their respective statements delivered in the general debate to 5 minutes.<sup>1</sup> For observers, a time limit of 3 minutes has been proposed.
- Member States may wish to use the option of sending pre-recorded videos of their respective statements (observing the time limits set above). Specific guidelines for the submission of pre-recorded video statements will be issued by the Secretariat in a separate note.

### **Side Events**

- Side events can be organized at the VIC as in-person events or with physical and virtual participation. Guidelines for the organization of side events are available on the GC website. Fully virtual side events can be also organized and hosted from outside the VIC. Side event organizers shall be fully responsible for the organization and arrangements for their side event(s), including any virtual component.

### **Exhibitions**

- Exhibitions will be held at the VIC and will be limited to physical exhibitions only. Guidelines for the organization of exhibitions are available on the GC website, including the submission forms. The deadline to submit an exhibition proposal to the Secretariat is Friday, 30 July 2021.

### **Scientific Forum**

- The Scientific Forum will be held as a physical meeting with a possibility of remote connection. Relevant arrangements will be communicated by the Secretariat in a separate note.

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<sup>1</sup> The arrangements would require agreement by the 65th General Conference to modify the General Conference's decision GC(60)/DEC/8 "Streamlining the work of the General Conference". The General Conference agreed at its 64th regular session in 2020 to a time limit of 3 minutes for statements during that session.