

## NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP

1. Under Article IV of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, States that did not sign the Statute within 90 days after it was opened for signature (26 October 1956, see Article XXI) may become Members of the Agency by depositing an instrument of acceptance of the Statute.
2. However, under Article IV (B) of the Statute such an instrument of acceptance can be deposited by a State only after its admission has been approved by the Agency's General Conference (which meets once a year *normally in September* and is composed of representatives of all the Agency's Member States) on the recommendation of the Agency's Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors at present comprises the representatives of 35 Member States and meets four times a year.

3. A Government desirous of becoming a Member of the Agency should first send to the Director General of the Agency, for transmission to the Board of Governors, a request for admission, on the lines of the attached sample document No. 1.

Should the request be endorsed by the Board and approved by the General Conference, the Government concerned should deposit an instrument of acceptance of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency with the United States Government, the depositary Government under Article XXI (C) of the Agency's Statute.

The instrument of acceptance of the Statute should be on the lines of the attached document No.2, subject to any changes necessitated by the constitutional practice and diplomatic protocol of the State concerned, and should be sent to the Department of State, Washington, USA.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP<sup>1</sup> OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

In the name of the Government of *(name of country)* I have the honour to submit an application for membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

I wish to assure you, in the name of my Government, that *(name of country)* is willing to carry out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

<sup>1</sup> An application should emanate from an appropriate authority, i.e. the Head of State, the Head of Government, or the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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## Process for Becoming a Member State of the IAEA

	Steps	Action by the IAEA	Action by State
1.	Submission of Application for Membership		State to indicate its desire for membership by letter to the Director General or Note Verbale.
2.	Processing of Application	Agency Secretariat to submit application to Board of Governors for its consideration.	
3.	Consideration by Board of Governors	Board meets 4 times a year.  Board to determine that the State is willing and able to carry out the obligations of membership, giving due consideration to its ability and willingness to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.  Board of Governors to recommend State's membership to the General Conference.	
4.	Consideration by General Conference	General Conference takes place annually in September.  General Conference to determine that the State is willing and able to carry out the obligations of membership, giving due consideration to its ability and willingness to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.  General Conference to approve State's membership.	
5.	Follow-up to General Conference Approval	Agency Secretariat to notify State of General Conference approval of its membership application.	
6.	Deposit of Instrument of Acceptance		State to deposit Instrument of Acceptance of Agency's Statute with depositary Government (United States of America)  On deposit, membership in the Agency is effective immediately.
7.	Notification of New Membership	Upon confirmation by depositary Government of receipt of State's Instrument of Acceptance, Agency to notify other Member States.	