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Rules Regarding Voluntary Contributions to the Agency

The texts of the following Rules Regarding Voluntary Contributions to the Agency are reproduced for the information of all Members of the Agency¹.

- I. Rules to Govern the Acceptance of Gifts of Services, Equipment and Facilities – adopted by the Board of Governors on 10 March 2004;
- II. Rules Regarding the Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions of Money to the Agency – approved by the General Conference on 21 September 2001 (GC (45)/RES/9).

¹ The Rules reproduced in this document supersede the earlier Rules Regarding Voluntary Contributions to the Agency reproduced in document INFCIR/370/Rev.1 (Corrected). They entail modification of paragraph C.5 (with the associated footnote [4]) in document INFCIRC/267 (the Revised Guiding Principles and General Operating Rules to Govern the Provision of Technical Assistance by the Agency) and also possible modifications in other Agency documents.

I. Rules to Govern the Acceptance of Gifts of Services, Equipment and Facilities

Adopted by the Board of Governors on 10 March 2004

1. Gifts of services, equipment, and facilities may be made available to the Agency: by Governments of Member States of the Agency, of the United Nations, or of any of the specialized agencies; organizations with which the Agency is in relationship under Article XVI.A of its Statute; other intergovernmental organizations; and non-governmental sources. The Agency shall decide whether to accept such gifts, and may request that they be furnished either for its own use or for the use of a Member or group of Members designated by it.
2. The Director General may accept such gifts provided that in his opinion:
 1. such services, equipment, and facilities can readily be incorporated into a project, programme, or activity which the Director General has already been given authority to execute by the competent organ or organs of the Agency.
 2. acceptance of the gift will not involve the Agency in expenditure for which funds are not available; and
 3. any requirements as to the use of such gifts are consistent with the provisions of the Statute.
3. The authority and responsibility of the Director General to accept gifts of services, equipment and facilities offered to the Agency under Rule 1 may be delegated by the Director General to other Officials of the Agency at the level of Deputy Director General.
4. Gifts of services, equipment, and facilities offered to the Agency under Rule 1, which are not accepted under Rule 2, shall be referred by the Director General to the Board of Governors for decision, bearing in mind the provisions of the Statute and interests of the Agency.
5. Gifts of services, equipment and facilities accepted by the Director General under Rule 2 shall be periodically reported to the Board.

II. Rules Regarding the Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions of Money to the Agency

Approved by the General Conference on 21 September 2001

1. Voluntary contributions of money may be offered to the Agency by governments of Member States of the Agency, of the United Nations, or of any of the specialized agencies; organizations with which the Agency is in relationship under Article XVI.A of its Statute; other intergovernmental organizations; and non-governmental sources.
2. The Director General may accept and place in the General Fund such voluntary contributions of money provided that they are offered without limitation as to use.
3. The Director General may also accept other voluntary contributions of money provided that in his opinion:
 1. such contribution can readily be incorporated into a project, programme, or activity which the Director General has already been given authority to execute by the competent organ or organs of the Agency;
 2. acceptance of such contribution will not involve the Agency in expenditure for which funds are not available;
 3. any requirements as to use would not hamper the efficient implementation of the project, programme, or activity for which the contribution is made; and
 4. any requirements as to use are consistent with the provisions of the Statute.
4. Offers of voluntary contributions of money to the Agency made under Rule 1, which are not accepted under Rules 2 and 3, shall be referred by the Director General to the Board of Governors for decision, bearing in mind the provisions of the Statute and the interests of the Agency.
5. Offers of voluntary contributions of money accepted by the Director General under Rules 2 and 3 shall be periodically reported to the Board.
6. Contributions shall be made in currency readily usable by the Agency consistent with the need for efficiency and economy of its operations, or shall be transferable to the greatest possible extent into currency readily usable by the Agency. To this end, governments shall be urged to make available as large as percentage as possible of their contributions in such currency or currencies as the Director General may consider usable for the execution of the Agency's programme. The Director General shall, as the Board of Governors may request, report to the Board for its consideration on the extent to which restrictions which have been maintained in contributions have affected the flexibility, efficiency and economy of the Agency's operations. The Board of Governors shall consider what action may be necessary, with respect to currency found not readily usable, in order to facilitate the Agency's operations.