

# first agreements initialled

Representatives of the Republic of Finland and of the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency completed negotiation and initialled the text of an agreement relating to the application of safeguards by the Agency, pursuant to Article III.1 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, on 19 March. This was the first such agreement to reach this stage.

On 4 May, representatives of the Republic of Austria and of the IAEA Secretariat similarly completed negotiation and initialled the text of an agreement for application of safeguards under the NPT.

As this issue of the Bulletin went to press the Board of Governors was about to meet to consider each of these agreements for approval.



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## **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY**

More than 700 papers were submitted for presentation at the Fourth Geneva Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. From these, the Scientific Secretariat of the Conference, under the direction of the Director General of the IAEA and in accordance with the advice of the UN Scientific Advisory Committee, has selected the 500 papers which will constitute the programme of the Conference.

In addition, there are to be 14 review papers prepared by international organizations and some Member States, dealing with subjects such as nuclear energy and world peace; nuclear energy and food; the long-term storage and disposal of radioactive wastes; systems analysis and operational research for safeguards over nuclear materials intended for peaceful uses; and the International Nuclear Information System (INIS), a joint project of the IAEA and its Member States, which has just completed one year of operation.

During the Conference there will normally be three simultaneous sessions each morning and each afternoon. The exact schedule of meetings is to be issued later. The proceedings of the Conference will be published in the languages in which papers are submitted, together with abstracts and summaries of discussions in the four working languages of the Conference — English, French, Russian and Spanish.