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ACTION BY STATES FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF CONVENTIONS
AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. If the draft Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the draft Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency are adopted by the General Conference at its special session, they will be opened for signature immediately at the Hofburg for those States whose representatives have the powers to sign them already and subsequently at the Agency's Headquarters and at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York, as stipulated in the relevant Articles of the two draft Conventions.
2. When signing the Conventions, representatives should indicate, in a formal note handed to the Secretariat at the time of signature, if their signature is subject to ratification, unless such an indication is given in the powers themselves. The absence of an indication either in the powers or in a separate formal note would be interpreted to mean that a State has decided to exercise the option of being bound by the Conventions upon signature, as envisaged in the relevant Articles of the two Conventions.
3. Any declarations or reservations which a State may wish to make when signing the two Conventions should also be communicated in writing to the Secretariat. Again, where such declarations or reservations are not contained in the powers themselves, they should be communicated to the Secretariat in a separate formal note at the time of signature of the two Conventions.

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