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INVITATION TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
IN THE CAPACITY OF AN OBSERVER

Note by the Director General

1. During the consultation, at the June 1976 meetings of the Board of Governors, on the draft provisional agenda for the twentieth (1976) regular session of the General Conference drawn up by the Director General, the Governor from Iraq requested, in the name of his Government and in accordance with Rule 12(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the inclusion of an additional item in the provisional agenda under the title:

"Invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to attend the sessions of the General Conference in the capacity of an observer".

2. The representative of Iraq subsequently communicated his request to the Director General in writing and, in accordance with Rule 12(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, this item was included in the provisional agenda circulated by the Director General under cover of document GC(XX)/562. The letter and the accompanying explanatory memorandum submitted by Iraq are attached hereto.

Text of a letter and explanatory memorandum received by the
Director General on 16 June 1976 from the
Governor from Iraq

Vienna, 15 June 1976

I have the honour to request, upon instructions from my Government, that an item "Invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to attend the sessions of the General Conference in the capacity of an observer" be added to the Provisional Agenda for the 20th (1976) Regular Session of the General Conference.

I enclose an explanatory memorandum about this matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you, Sir, my high consideration.

Explanatory Memorandum

1. According to Rule 12(c), the provisional agenda for each regular session of the General Conference shall include all items proposed by any Member of the Agency.
2. Considering the aggressive designs of Israel, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), as the representative of the Palestinian people, is very much interested in the peaceful development and uses of atomic energy.
3. According to operative paragraphs (1) and (3) of Resolution 3237 (XXIX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, PLO was invited to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer, and is entitled to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of other organs of the United Nations.
4. Operative paragraph (1) of Resolution 3236 (XXIX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations reaffirmed the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people in Palestine, including the right to self-determination and the right to national independence and sovereignty. The General Assembly in operative paragraph (6) of the same resolution appeals to all States and international organizations to extend their support to the Palestinian people in its struggle to restore its rights, in accordance with the Charter.
5. The Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, the World Population Conference, and the World Food Conference invited the PLO to participate in their respective deliberations.
6. Representatives of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States were invited to attend the General Conferences of the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

