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MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION RECEIVED ON THE OCCASION OF
THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

The texts of messages of congratulation which have been received by the Agency on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary are hereby communicated to the General Conference.

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia

"24 September 1977

"On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the International Atomic Energy Agency I am honoured and delighted to extend, on behalf of the Government and people of Australia, warmest congratulations on two decades of difficult but successful work by the organization which you have been and are so capably directing. Much of this achievement has been of a pioneering nature in areas of great complexity and sensitivity, and of immense significance for the present and future welfare of mankind.

"The Australian Government pledges itself anew to assisting the Agency in its vital work relating to the solution of the world's energy needs, the limitation and elimination of the risks of nuclear proliferation and the provision of badly needed technical assistance to the developing members of the Organization.

"May I take this opportunity of commending the efforts in these directions of all your colleagues and of yourself, and of wishing you and all our colleagues in all Member Governments added success in strengthening the Agency and in furthering its high purposes."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium

"26 September 1977

"ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU, ON MY OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND THE EXPRESSION OF OUR SYMPATHY, OF OUR ESTEEM AND OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE AGENCY'S AIMS, BOTH IN ITS TASK OF PROMOTING THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND IN THAT OF ENSURING THAT THE EXCLUSIVELY PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS RESPECTED."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada

"23 September 1977

"I should like to extend to you on behalf of the Canadian Government heartiest congratulations on the twentieth anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency. As a founding member of the Agency, Canada has been, from the Agency's beginnings, an active supporter of the Agency in its work to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of Atomic Energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world while ensuring that the assistance provided under Agency supervision and control is not used to further any military purpose. I wish to assure you of the continued support of the Canadian Government and express the appreciation of the Government for the manner in which the Agency has carried out its mandate in support of the non-proliferation treaty."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Chairman of the Czechoslovak Atomic Energy Commission

"Prague, 15 July 1977
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"On the occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency, I would like to convey to you my warmest congratulations, deeply appreciating all efforts and results achieved by the IAEA, particularly under your wise guidance.

"Kindly allow me to assure you that also in the future both I personally and my scientific and administrative staff will continue in the closest co-operation with the Agency, supporting all activities performed by this undoubtedly most important organization of the UN family."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark

"26 September 1977

"ON THE OCCASION OF THE 21st GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE IAEA AND THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE STATUTES OF THE IAEA, PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR THE AGENCY IN ITS FUTURE WORK."

Message addressed to the President of the General Conference by the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic

"24 September 1977

"Permit me, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to transmit the warmest congratulations of the Council of State, the Government and the people of the German Democratic Republic to you, Mr. President, the delegates to the XXIst Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the staff of the IAEA Secretariat. I combine these congratulations with our best wishes for fruitful discussions of the important problems on the agenda of the XXIst General Conference.

"The International Atomic Energy Agency successfully works in the interests of securing peace, understanding among nations and using nuclear energy for the benefit of peoples.

"In the age of nuclear energy any military confrontation provokes great dangers to the nations of the world. Therefore it is a prime necessity to consolidate and promote political détente and make it irreversible. The arms race, particularly in the nuclear field, has to be stopped and the proliferation of nuclear weapons must be prevented.

"The Agency's activities in achieving the objectives of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons deserve high appreciation and active support by all states. The German Democratic Republic considers them a valuable contribution to implement the supreme right of man to a life in peace and security.

"The peaceful uses of nuclear energy play an increasing role in the rapid development of economy, science and technology and in the enhancement of the prosperity of peoples. In related international co-operation, the International Atomic Energy Agency has great achievements to its credit.

"We are convinced that the IAEA will also in future do everything within its scope so that this co-operation serves exclusively the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and is not misused for the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"You may rest assured that the German Democratic Republic will continue to support the activities of the Agency to the best of its abilities."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany

"26 September 1977

"I SEND YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IAEA.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT AND APPRECIATION THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE IAEA IN ALL SPHERES OF WORLD-WIDE CO-OPERATION ON NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OF SAFEGUARDS, NOTABLY UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. IT HAS GIVEN EVERY SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE IAEA, WITH WHOSE AIMS IT FULLY CONCURS, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT - BEING CONSCIOUS OF THE AGENCY'S GROWING IMPORTANCE - IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

"I WISH THE IAEA AND YOU PERSONALLY EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See

"19 September 1977

"ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WHICH MARKS THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AGENCY, HIS HOLINESS THE POPE HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THE EXPRESSION OF HIS ESTEEM AND HIS CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OBJECTIVES AND THE WORK OF THE IAEA. IT IS HIS FIRM DESIRE, MOREOVER, THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY ITS SAFEGUARDS EFFECTIVELY AND TO PROMOTE THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHILE KEEPING PUBLIC OPINION INFORMED OF THE TECHNICAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL ISSUES INVOLVED, SO THAT HUMANITY CAN MOVE FORWARD IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS OF SECURITY, JUSTICE AND FRATERNITY, AND TO THESE ENDS HE OFFERS HIS ENCOURAGEMENT."

Message addressed to the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference by His Imperial Majesty, the Shah an Shah of Iran

"26 September 1977

"It is with deep pleasure that I convey this message to the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations, as well as that of the Iranian Government and the Iranian people, to the distinguished members of the Agency, the Director General, the Secretariat of the Agency, and the family of the United Nations on this significant occasion.

"During the past twenty years, we have witnessed the birth and evolution of the Agency, and the moral and technical support it has provided the world community. This support has had a significant role in the promotion of nuclear energy in the world, and in the development of nuclear energy in individual nations.

"Our involvement with the Agency does not stem from our membership in it alone, but also from our strong belief in the viability of nuclear energy and its distinct place amongst the energy alternatives available to us. Our commitment to the nuclear energy and our determined efforts for the realization of a dynamic nuclear energy program in Iran are based on this belief.

"As we are all aware, nuclear technology represents a two-edged sword. It is clearly one of the most creative technologies at our disposal for alleviating the many imbalances that the world community is confronted with. Nuclear technology, on the other hand, poses clear and concrete dangers of misuse to the contemporary Man and his quest for survival. We believe that these seemingly contradictory attributes can be integrated in a constructive manner to help us achieve the quality of life that we all aspire to.

"The International Atomic Energy Agency is the paramount international institution in the domain of the nuclear energy. It was invested with the twin and complementary goals of promotion and control. Accordingly, those who constituted the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency had the commendable wisdom and courage to strive for integration rather than negation and fragmentation. I hope that we, out of haste and mistrust, do not abandon this evolutionary approach.

"We strongly assert that any attempt to substitute these essential functions of the Agency with unilateral, bilateral, or multilateral arrangements, would seriously endanger its strength and integrity. We, for our part, adhere to a stronger and more participatory Agency to become a dominant actor for both the promotion and control of nuclear energy and shall do our utmost to help realize this goal. What is, however, needed is a stronger collective commitment to the unexplored capabilities of this international institution.

"I am certain that the use of nuclear energy poses formidable and continual challenges to us and our global institutions. This, however, is only natural since nuclear energy is going through the dynamic process of adaptation to our perceptions and needs. We need to have patience and resolve. We should, furthermore, search for our common solutions within the universal context of the Agency in a manner consistent with its spirit and letter which are clear, inspiring and highly flexible.

"I also wish to take this occasion to express my appreciation to the Director General and the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency for all the assistance they have provided Iran for the realization of our nuclear energy program."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland

"24 September 1977

"ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND, I EXTEND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IAEA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND WISH THE IAEA ENDURING SUCCESS IN THIS VITAL AREA OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION. THE WORK OF THE IAEA IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD NOW MORE THAN EVER, AND IT IS TO BE HOPEED THAT THE AGENCY WILL SUCCEED AND PROSPER IN ITS EFFORTS TO HARNESS THE POWER OF THE ATOM FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IRELAND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING ITS LONG AND FRUITFUL CO-OPERATION WITH THE IAEA IN THE FUTURE."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy

"Vienna, 22 September 1977"

"On the occasion of the opening of this session of the General Conference, which marks the twentieth anniversary of the Agency, I wish to address to you, the Director General, and to the staff of the Secretariat, the warmest congratulations for the considerable work you have done and the significant results you have achieved during these twenty years.

"The Agency can be justly proud of the services it has rendered to the whole world, putting the benefits of nuclear energy within reach of all countries and protecting humanity against the risks of any possible non-peaceful utilization of nuclear energy.

"From the beginning, Italy has given its wholehearted co-operation to the Agency in conformity with the spirit of Articles II and III of the Statute.

"It was indeed with enthusiasm that my country supported the 'Atoms for Peace' initiative, which is regarded as the origin of the Agency and which made it possible to place the atom under the control of an international organization within the large United Nations family.

"The Agency has yet other vital objectives to pursue in the future, notably in connection with the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and Italy will continue to offer its wholehearted collaboration so that these objectives can be achieved in the interests of peace and security throughout the world.

"I take this opportunity to express to you likewise my personal congratulations, and the hope that the Agency may continue to make rapid progress, under your guidance, towards achieving the objectives set out in the Statute."

Letter addressed to the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference
by the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania

"26 September 1977

"It gives me particular pleasure to send to the participants of the General Conference of the IAEA my warmest greetings and my best wishes on the twentieth anniversary of the IAEA.

"International life is witnessing profound social and national revolutionary changes and an increased affirmation of the will of nations to put an end to the policy of inequality and oppression and the desire for free and independent development in a world of increased co-operation, ensuring full and complete access for all nations to the achievements of modern civilization.

"At a time of modern scientific and technical revolution when science has directly become an important force of production which causes a huge growth in the material resources of society, the application of scientific and technological achievements to the basis of the economic and social development of all nations is an urgent requirement in order to eliminate any lag in development and in order to create a better and fairer world.

"It is particularly necessary to ensure unhindered access for all nations to the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, particularly as a source of energy. At the same time we cannot remain unconcerned by the fact that considerable resources and scientific achievements in the field of nuclear energy are used for the production and refinement of means of mass destruction, for accelerating the arms race - all this presents great dangers for peace and the very existence of mankind. That is why Romania so decisively supports an end to the arms race, particularly nuclear weapons and supports the idea of placing the wonderful achievements of man's genius at the service of progress and human civilization.

"It should act in such a way as to put an end to nuclear weapons, to eliminate the monopoly of certain states with regard to the production and utilization of atomic energy and to encourage the full access of nations to the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes in order to accelerate the progress of all countries, particularly developing ones and to raise the level of prosperity and civilization of all mankind.

"Devoting its creative forces and energy entirely to the construction of a comprehensively developed socialist society, Romania attaches paramount importance to modern science and technology, including nuclear physics and nuclear energy in order to ensure rapid progress towards economic and social prosperity. At the same time within the framework of our general policy of developing relations with all states in the world making no difference according to their social system, we are taking an active part in the international exchange of material and spiritual wealth and we are making our contribution to establishing a climate of wide co-operation in all areas of activity, including scientific research.

"In the spirit of this policy, Romania is decisive in continuing to make its full contribution to the development of the IAEA, to the continuous strengthening of its role in establishing wider co-operation among states - on the basis of principles of full equality and respect for national independence and sovereignty - for the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

"Together with my sincerest wishes for success in the work of the General Conference of the IAEA, I would like to express my conviction, that the conference will open up new prospects for more and more intensive development of the uses of nuclear energy, for strengthening international co-operation in this important area, for the benefit of all nations, for progress and peace throughout the world."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

"20 September 1977

"On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency, I extend to you, and through you to all of the members of your dedicated staff, my warm congratulations on behalf of the Government of Turkey.

"The IAEA has well earned its unique place in the international arena through its safeguards and technical assistance functions. In carrying out these tasks, the Agency has made a significant contribution to world peace and to the further development of the developing countries.

"We are fully aware that, in the coming years, the responsibilities of the IAEA will continue to grow in proportion with its increasing contribution to the nuclear programmes of the developing countries. We are convinced that the IAEA will live up to our expectations and fulfil its objectives through the co-operation of its members.

"I wish to assure you that my Government will carry on its close co-operation with you for the achievement of the goals and objectives of the IAEA."

Message addressed to the participants of the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference by the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Secretary General of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

"27 September 1977

"I should like to extend my cordial greetings to the participants of the twenty-first session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"We understand the Agency's task to be that of promoting the extensive use of atomic energy for the maintenance of peace and for the health and well-being of the world's peoples, for these objectives are dear to us.

"The Soviet Union is collaborating actively, and is ready to develop further collaboration with other countries in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and in particular within the framework of the Agency. Our country is making extensive use of the energy of the atom for creative purposes and is willing to share its rich experience and its scientific and technical knowledge in this field in the interest of further progress of mankind.

"While advocating the development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy, the Soviet Union is fully determined, together with other States, to strengthen the international regime of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in every way. Everything possible must be done to ensure that the international exchange of nuclear technology, which in many countries will lead to the development of a scientific, technical and industrial potential in the nuclear sphere, does not become a channel for the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"We must not be blind to the fact that the forces in the world which would like to possess nuclear weapons as a means of threatening the people have not yet been eliminated. For this reason the problem of placing a reliable barrier in the way of nuclear weapons proliferation and of preventing the danger of nuclear war is now acute as never before.

"The International Atomic Energy Agency has a major part to play in the solution of this extremely important problem and we express the hope that it will make every effort to ensure that the atom serves only the interests of peace.

"The Soviet Union, for its part, will continue to co-operate fully in the achievement of the noble objectives of this authoritative international organization.

"Permit me to wish the participants of the twenty-first session of the General Conference of the Agency success in their important and responsible work."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

"23 September 1977

"I should like to take the opportunity of the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency to express to you the British Government's appreciation of the Agency's work.

"This year has seen increased international awareness of both the benefits and dangers of atomic energy. It has also underlined the importance of the IAEA which provides a framework for advising and aiding those countries wishing to take advantage of civil nuclear power, whilst ensuring, through the efficient operation of its safeguards organisation, that this does not lead to the spread of nuclear weapons.

"The Agency will continue to enjoy full British support, as will any measure which, by increasing the scope and efficiency of the Agency's safeguards, provides a further strengthening of the non-proliferation regime."

Letter addressed to the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference
by the President of the United States of America

"24 September 1977

"MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE

"I send my cordial greetings to the Delegates to the Twenty-first General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. This meeting is an especially significant one, as it marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the IAEA and reminds us of the outstanding contributions the Agency has made during its relatively short life-span.

"The IAEA deserves great praise for meeting its statutory objectives of fostering the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and doing everything possible to ensure that these peaceful activities are not subverted to military purposes. The Agency has amply demonstrated that members of the international community have far more to gain through scientific and technological co-operation, than by pursuing their own independent nuclear objectives. The IAEA's research and development of nuclear energy has helped all its members, both industrialized and developing.

"The IAEA's efforts to establish effective international safeguards are also extremely valuable. As a human race, we share a common interest in seeing that nuclear power is not used for military purposes; the performance of the IAEA has helped make the international safeguards system worthy of the trust of the world community. It was a sign of the trust and respect the IAEA has earned that responsibility for conducting safeguards provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was delegated to the Agency.

"The Agency's success is not grounds for complacency. Today, an increasing number of countries are planning to expand their nuclear power programs. With this expansion, the potential for misuse also expands. The United States, along with the other Agency member states, will look to the IAEA for leadership in assuring that the further expansion of peaceful nuclear applications will not lead to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"For our part, the United States pledges to do everything within its capability to assist the IAEA in this endeavour. We must, individually and collectively, work to assure that the Agency's international safeguards program will continue to improve so that the many benefits of the peaceful atom can be shared by all.

"On behalf of the people of the United States, I extend congratulations for your achievements during the past twenty years and very best wishes for your future undertakings."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Chairman of the Committee on International Relations, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

"21 September 1977

"On behalf of the Committee on International Relations, please accept our sincere congratulations on the 20th Anniversary of the IAEA. The Committee also would like to convey its best wishes during the upcoming 20th General Conference for continued success of the IAEA in promoting the peaceful application of atomic energy by all countries of the world.

"The Committee on International Relations has long supported efforts by the United States to provide political, technical, and financial support to the Agency as exemplified in legislative actions taken by the Committee in the past as well as this year. The Committee recognizes the important role the Agency has in assisting member states to pursue peaceful applications of nuclear energy as well as in implementing a system of international safeguards that promote such applications while guarding against its misuse.

"Assuring you of the continued co-operation of the Committee on International Relations in support of efforts to enhance and strengthen the peaceful uses of nuclear energy throughout the world."

