



GC(XXXIV)/913
11 June 1990

International Atomic Energy Agency

GENERAL Distr.
Original: ENGLISH

GENERAL CONFERENCE

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ENTITLED
"RULE AND POLICY ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL"
IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH
REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the Philippines

I have the honour to request that an item entitled "Rule and policy on the appointment of the Director General" be included in the agenda for the General Conference session taking place in September 1990, pursuant to Rule 11 and Rule 12(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

It will be recalled that in 1981 resolution GC(XXV)/RES/391 was passed by the General Conference, upon recommendation by the Board of Governors, on the matter of appointing the Director General of the Agency. Among other things, it "Recommends to the Board of Governors to pay due regard to the principle of equitable representation from developing and other areas of the world and to give particular consideration to candidates from developing areas who meet the requirements of that high office in appointing the Director General after the expiry of the above-mentioned term of Mr. Blix."

Again in 1985 and 1989, the General Conference, upon recommendation by the Board of Governors, passed resolutions GC(XXIX)/RES/440 and GC(XXXIII)/RES/505 respectively, more or less with identical recommendations.

In this regard, it is noted that the lack of explicit policy on the maximum term of duty of the Director General has resulted in a situation where all the Directors General of the Agency have come from only two Western, developed countries.

It is therefore requested that an item be included in the agenda for the 1990 session of the General Conference, as proposed above, with a view to establishing a rule and policy on the appointment of a Director General and the procedures to govern the same.

This letter and the statement made by the Philippine delegation at the 1989 session of the General Conference on the appointment of the Director General (see Annex) constitute the explanatory memorandum.

A draft resolution on this matter will be submitted in due course.

