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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

OPENING OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

1. The thirty-fourth regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 17 September 1990, at 10 a.m.^{1/} It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).^{2/}

2. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. If evening meetings prove to be necessary, the starting time will be announced during the session.

PRE-SESSION CONSULTATIONS

3. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 15 September, and Sunday, 16 September 1990), facilities are being made available at the VIC for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (i.e. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the session opens on Monday and thereby contributing to the smooth running of the Conference's session, ensuring – where necessary – that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.

^{1/} The provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth regular session is contained in document GC(XXXIV)/914.

^{2/} A booklet with plans of the ACV, a traffic plan and information on the location of meeting rooms, offices and the various services will be issued before the Conference session opens.

NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

4. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done in writing – by letter or by completing the registration form which will be transmitted to Permanent Missions at the beginning of September 1990. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure^{3/} provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many assistants (alternates, advisers, etc.) as may be needed. The first list of members of delegations will be issued on Sunday, 16 September; it will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat before Friday, 14 September.

5. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, Delegates are requested to inform the Deputy Director in charge of Protocol in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

6. Each Delegate (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if he is already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity – for example, as Resident Representative. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General not later than Monday, 10 September, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. If credentials cannot be submitted by Friday, 14 September, Delegates should deliver them direct to the Credentials Officers at the ACV either on Sunday, 16 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

REGISTRATION FOR BADGES

7. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph for entry into the ACV during the session. Badges will be issued by the staff at the Registration Desk to those designated participants who are not already in possession of a valid VIC ground pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

8. Participants may register on Friday, 14 September, at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Sunday, 16 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. at the ACV. Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk at the ACV.

^{3/} GC(XXXI)/INF/245.

9. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on 12 September 1990 may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 September, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Tuesday, 11 September.

DOCUMENTS

10. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 at the VIC not later than Friday, 14 September, and specify its requirements for documents on a form which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the ACV either on Sunday, 16 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

11. Before the opening of the session one complete set of the Conference documents already issued will be available to each delegation. All documents produced during the session, including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be available at the Documents Station at the ACV.

12. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the appropriate Committee Secretary with the text as early as possible.

SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

13. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on Monday, 17 September, requests for inscription on the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A 2871). As Member States were informed by document GC(XXXIV)/INF/278, issued on 3 May 1990, inscription in the list of speakers started on 18 June 1990; a ballot was taken at 11 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. - personally made a request for inscription in the list.^{4/} Since 11 a.m. on 18 June, Member States making requests for inscription in the list have been added in the order in which they made their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

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^{4/} This procedure is in line with a recommendation which was made by the inter-sessional working group referred to in paragraph 19 below and which was approved by the Conference last year, after being implemented on a trial basis for last year's session.

14. Delegates who have not inscribed their names on the list by the beginning of the session but wish to speak in the general debate are requested to contact the official responsible for maintaining the speakers' list, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (where the plenary meetings will take place). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

15. In order that the general debate may represent a more efficient use of the time available, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements down to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make.

16. It would be greatly appreciated if the texts of statements to be delivered were handed to the Secretariat in advance. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session.

17. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing.

WORKING LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION

18. The working languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages will be interpreted simultaneously into the others. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages and provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

REVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE'S WORKING PRACTICES

19. The General Conference last year approved recommendations aimed at streamlining the Conference's working practices and timing.^{5/} Some of the recommendations were implemented already during last year's session.

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 1991

20. The Board of Governors has set a target of US\$ 49 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1991. A circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 1991) will be addressed to Member States soon. Before the regular session opens, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged themselves to make^{6/}. It will be greatly appreciated if Governments

^{5/} The recommendations are contained in document GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77, copies of which can be obtained from the Documents Distribution Counter.

^{6/} The corresponding document of last year was GC(XXXIII)/896.

facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their pledges to the Director General as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Officer, who will have a desk in Conference Room A and will arrange for updated versions of the document to be issued.

MEETING OF MINISTERS

21. It has been suggested by Mr. Kunmo CHUNG, Minister for Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea and President of the General Conference at its thirty-third (1989) regular session, that an informal meeting of Ministers from Member States attending the Conference's forthcoming session be held on that occasion to discuss matters of common concern. Further information regarding this matter will be provided in due course.

SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON "NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UPGRADING AND LIFE EXTENSION"

22. During the Conference's session, there will be a special scientific meeting on "Nuclear Power Plant Upgrading and Life Extension". It will take place on 18 and 19 September in Conference Room C at the ACV and will consist of three technical sessions, including a panel discussion.^{Z/} It is expected that the Chairman of the scientific meeting will report on its results at a plenary meeting of the Conference.

MEETING OF SENIOR NUCLEAR SAFETY OFFICIALS

23. The traditional meeting of senior nuclear safety officials will be held on Thursday, 20 September. The main themes of the meeting relate to regulatory practices and recent activities regarding nuclear power plant safety assessments and backfitting. The meeting will be held in Meeting Room II at the VIC.

PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM

24. There will be a Public Information Forum on 18 and 19 September in the Agency's Boardroom and Meeting Room IV at the VIC. The purpose of the Forum is to permit designated public information specialists from Member States to exchange views on the presentation of nuclear power issues to the public. The Forum will include discussions with a panel of journalists on communication methods and a display of information materials (videos, publications, posters, etc.).

RCA/ARCAL/AFRA MEETINGS

25. There will be group meetings in respect of the RCA, ARCAL and AFRA regional co-operative agreements. The times and venues of these meetings, which will be held in the VIC, will be announced in the Conference Journal.

^{Z/} The programme of the special scientific meeting on "Nuclear Power Plant Upgrading and Life Extension" is contained in the Annex to this document.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS

26. Consultations will be held with representatives of Member States receiving Agency technical assistance. Where the Member States in question have Permanent Missions in Vienna, these will be informed of the meeting times and venues a week before the Conference session. The meeting schedules will

ANNEX

SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
UPGRADING AND LIFE EXTENSION

(18 and 19 September 1990)
ACV Conference Room C

18 September, p.m.

14:30 Opening

- Address by the Director General of the IAEA
- Remarks by the Chairman of the Special Scientific Meeting and Rapporteur to the General Conference

Session I: Overview (Presentation by Keynote Speakers)

- 15:00 - IAEA
- 15:20 - USSR
- 15:40 - Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 - UK
- 16:50 - Canada
- 17:10 - Discussion. Expected to finish not later than 17:30.

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Session II: Experiences and Policies (Presentations by Keynote Speakers, reflecting the situations in various countries)

- 10:00 - Czechoslovakia
- 10:20 - France
- 10:40 - Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:20 - Germany, F.R.
- 11:40 - India
- 12:00 - Japan
- 12:20 - Discussion. Expected to finish not later than 12:50.

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Session III: - Experiences and Policies (continuation with presentations by Speakers)
- Issues (Panel Discussion)

- 14:30 - UK
- 14:50 - USA
- 15:10 - USSR
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 - Panel Discussion (Chairman and Keynote Speakers of Session I)
- 17:15 - Summary and Closing by Chairman. Expected to finish not later than 17:30.