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Thirty-fifth regular session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference^{1/}, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the thirty-fifth regular session of the General Conference will open at the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 16 September 1991, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 14 September and Sunday, 15 September 1991), facilities are being made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters 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 may be reserved through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.
3. Pursuant to Rule 11, the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where it should first be discussed – in a plenary meeting or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive, by 17 August, any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 27 August.

^{1/} GC(XXXI)/INF/245.

^{2/} Vienna, Heldenplatz, 1st district.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee^{3/} Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President, and the President will propose for election the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Also, under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members elected on the proposal of the President.

2. Application for membership of the Agency Plenary meeting

The Conference will have before it a recommendation by the Board of Governors regarding the application by the Republic of Yemen for membership of the Agency (GC(XXXV)/959).

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations Plenary meeting

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. Statement by the Director General Plenary meeting

The Director General proposes to make a statement to the Conference.

^{3/} As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee before Monday morning.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

- (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion^{4/} General Committee

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or proposed additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

- (b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session General Committee

Under Rule 8 the Conference is required to set the closing date for the session, after considering a recommendation on the subject which the General Committee will make. Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the thirty-sixth (1992) regular session.

6. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1992 Plenary meeting

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1992 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

^{4/} It is expected that the conclusions of discussions on topics considered within the framework of a special scientific programme to be organized in conjunction with the Conference's session will be reported to the Conference at a plenary meeting. The main findings and conclusions of the Helsinki Senior Expert Symposium on Electricity and the Environment (13-17 May 1991), "The Prospects for Nuclear Power in Central and Eastern Europe" and "Implications of the new Recommendations on Radiation Protection issued by the International Commission on Radiological Protection" will be considered at four half-day meetings to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

7. General debate and annual report for 1990 Plenary meeting

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1990 which the Board has prepared (GC(XXXV)/953).

8. Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat Plenary meeting
(GC(XXXIV)/RES/526)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/526. The Conference will have before it, in document GC(XXXV)/960, a report by the Director General pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of the resolution. The summary record of the Board's discussion on this matter in June will be issued in document GC(XXXV)/960/Add.1.

9. Election of Members to the Board of Governors Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board^{5/}. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A.2 of the Statute. In document GC(XXXV)/956 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1991-92.

10. The Agency's accounts for 1990 Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1990, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report by the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXXV)/954.

^{5/} The terms of office of Belgium, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Iraq, Italy, Nigeria, the Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Venezuela will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXIII)/RESOLUTIONS (1989), decision number GC(XXXIII)/DEC/10).

11. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection

(a) Implementation of resolutions Committee of the Whole
GC(XXXIV)/RES/529 and GC(XXXIII)/RES/508

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/529, in which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors and the Director General to report to it on the implementation of that resolution and of resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/508 (adopted in 1989) at its thirty-fifth regular session. The General Conference will have before it reports on matters covered in the resolutions which will have been considered by the Board at its meetings in February, June and September:

- (i) Member States' use of the Agency's services for advancing operational safety (GC(XXXV)/961);
- (ii) The International Chernobyl Project: Assessment of Radiological Consequences and Evaluation of Protective Measures (GC(XXXV)/962);
- (iii) Efforts to promote the effective implementation of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency (GC(XXXV)/963);
- (iv) The safety of WWER-440/230 plants: an extrabudgetary project (this matter will be considered by the Board at its meetings starting on 11 September 1991).

(b) Recommendations of the International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power: Strategy for the Future Committee of the Whole

The International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power: Strategy for the Future is scheduled to meet from 2 to 6 September 1991 in Vienna. It is expected that the Board will consider the recommendations of the Conference at its meetings starting on 11 September 1991 and report on them to the General Conference.

(c) Liability for nuclear damage Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXIV)/RES/529, para.6)

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 6 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/529, in which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors to report to it at its thirty-fifth regular session on the progress made in the consideration of the question of liability for damage arising from a nuclear accident. Document GC(XXXV)/964 contains a report by the Board submitted in the light of a report by the Standing Committee on Liability for Nuclear Damage.

(d) Convention on the Physical Committee of the Whole
Protection of Nuclear Material
(GC(XXXIV)/RES/531)

Pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of General Conference resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/531, the Director General will report to the Conference on the signature and ratification status of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

(e) Prohibition of all armed attacks Committee of the Whole
against nuclear installations
devoted to peaceful purposes whether
under construction or in operation
(GC(XXXIV)/RES/533)

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 8 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/533. It is expected that the Director General will submit a report to the General Conference.

12. The Agency's budget for 1992 Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1992 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(XXXV)/955.

13. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1992 Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 1992 will be submitted to the Conference.

14. The financing of safeguards (GC(XXXIV)/RES/538) Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to the operative paragraph of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/538, in which the General Conference requested the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Safeguards to continue its work "so that consensus may be reached on the arrangements for the future financing of safeguards and to report to it, through the Board of Governors, at its thirty-fifth regular session."^{6/} Document GC(XXXV)/957 contains a report by the Chairman of the Informal Working Group, submitted under cover of a report by the Board. The summary record of the Board's discussion on this matter in June will be issued in document GC(XXXV)/957/Add.1.

15. The financing of technical assistance (GC(XXXIV)/RES/539) Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/539, in which the General Conference requested the Board to report to it annually on the actions taken with regard to the implementation of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388, adopted by the Conference in 1981, on the financing of technical assistance. The report of the Board is contained in document GC(XXXV)/958. The summary record of the Board's discussion on this matter in June will be issued in document GC(XXXV)/958/Add.1.

^{6/} The Informal Working Group was established, in response to General Conference resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/513, "to consider various proposals for arrangements that can be agreed upon as a basis for a long-term solution" to the safeguards financing question. The arrangements for the financing of safeguards which were approved by the General Conference in 1989 (GC(XXXIII)/RES/512) are applicable for the years 1990, 1991 and 1992. The Conference decided that they should be reviewed by the Board in 1992 at the latest.

16. Plan for producing potable water economically (GC(XXXIII)/RES/540) Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/540. The General Conference – in operative paragraph 5 of that resolution – requested the Director General to present to the Conference at its thirty-fifth regular session a report on progress in implementing "the relevant recommendations contained in the Attachment to document GC(XXXIV)/928". The Conference will have before it a report by the Director General on this matter.

17. Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat (GC(XXXIV)/RES/541) Committee of the Whole

The Director General will report to the General Conference pursuant to the requests made in paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/541.

18. Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute (GC(XXXIV)/RES/542) Committee of the Whole

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/542, the Board was requested to continue to conduct consultations with Member States and to submit its observations and recommendations on proposed amendments regarding this matter for approval by the Conference at its thirty-fifth regular session. The Board will consider this matter at its meetings starting on 11 September 1991 and its report will be before the Conference.

19. Revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole (GC(XXXIV)/RES/543) Committee of the Whole

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/543, the Board was requested to re-establish, with no financial implications, an informal working group open to all Member States "in order to continue to examine different proposals on the revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole with a view to preparing a report to be submitted through the Board to the General Conference at its next regular session." The Board will consider a report of the informal working group at its meetings starting on 11 September 1991, and the group's report, submitted through the Board, will be before the Conference.

20. Rule and policy on the appointment of the Director General (GC(XXXIV)/RES/544) Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to the operative paragraph of resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/544, in which the General Conference requested the Board "to adopt appropriate policy and procedures to govern the appointment of the Director General, to consider - inter alia - establishing an open-ended working group for this purpose and to report on this matter to the General Conference at its thirty-fifth regular session." It is expected that a report by the Chairman of the Board will be before the Conference together with the summary records of the Board's discussion on this matter.

21. South Africa's nuclear capabilities (GC(XXXIV)/RES/545) Plenary meeting

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/545 adopted by the Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will, as required in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, report to the Conference.

22. Examination of delegates' credentials General Committee

Under Rule 28 the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

23. Appointment of the External Auditor Plenary meeting

The Conference appointed the present External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1990 and 1991.^{Z/} It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment again this year.

^{Z/} See document GC(XXXIII)/RESOLUTIONS(1989), decision number GC(XXXIII)/DEC/17.

24. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee Plenary meeting

The Conference may be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

25. Report on voluntary contributions pledged to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1992 Plenary meeting

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1992 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

