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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-sixth regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center, Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 21 September 1992, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 19 September and Sunday, 20 September 1992), 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 22 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 1 September.

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

^{2/} The Austria Center Vienna is located Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre.

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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. Applications for membership of the Agency Plenary meeting

The Conference will have before it recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency. Documents GC(XXXVI)/1002 and GC(XXXVI)/1003 contain applications by the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia respectively.

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-seventh (1993) regular session.

6. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1993 Plenary meeting

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1993 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

7. General debate and annual report for 1991 Plenary meeting

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1991 which the Board has prepared (GC(XXXVI)/1004).

^{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 without debate to the Conference at a plenary meeting.

8. Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat Plenary meeting
(GC(XXXV)/RES/570)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/570. It is expected that the Conference will have before it a report by the Director General pursuant to the request made in paragraph 3 of the resolution.

9. Application of IAEA safeguards Plenary meeting
in the Middle East (GC(XXXV)/RES/571)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 6 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/571. It is expected that the Conference will have before it a report by the Director General as requested in that paragraph.

10. 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(XXXVI)/1007 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1992-93.

11. The Agency's accounts for 1991 Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1991, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report by the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXXVI)/1005.

^{5/} The terms of office of Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Cuba, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, Portugal, Thailand, Ukraine and Uruguay will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXIV)/RESOLUTIONS (1990), decision number GC(XXXIV)/DEC/9).

12. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection Committee of the Whole

- (a) Revision of the Basic Safety Standards for Radiation Protection (GC(XXXV)/RES/551) Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/551, in which the General Conference last year requested the Director General to keep it informed about the progress made in the revision of the Basic Safety Standards for Radiation Protection (BSS). In document GC(XXXVI)/1008 the Conference will have before it a report by the Director General on further progress achieved in the revision of the BSS since September last year.

- (b) Education and training in radiation protection and nuclear safety (GC(XXXV)/RES/552) Committee of the Whole

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to the operative paragraph of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/552, in which the Director General was requested to prepare a comprehensive proposal for education and training in both radiation protection and nuclear safety for consideration at the Conference's next regular session. It is expected that the Conference will have before it a document dealing with this matter.

- (c) Report on the preparation of possible elements of a nuclear safety convention (GC(XXXV)/RES/553, para.4) Committee of the Whole

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553. It is expected that the Board will consider this matter at its meetings starting on 16 September 1992, in the light of a report on the progress made in the

open-ended working group which the Board set up in February with the task of carrying out the necessary substantive preparations for a nuclear safety convention, and that a report will be submitted to the General Conference.

- (d) Liability for nuclear damage Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXV)/RES/553, para.11)

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 11 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553, in which the General Conference took note of a report by the Board of Governors on liability for damage arising from a nuclear accident. Document GC(XXXVI)/1009 contains a report by the Board submitted in the light of reports by the Standing Committee on Liability for Nuclear Damage.

- (e) Implementation of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553 as a whole

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 15 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553, in which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors and the Director General to report to it on the implementation of that resolution. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports on matters covered in the resolution which the Board will consider at its meetings starting on 16 September 1992.

- (f) Convention on the Physical Committee of the Whole
Protection of Nuclear Material
(GC(XXXV)/RES/555)

Pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of General Conference resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/555, the Director General will report to the Conference on the signature and ratification status of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

13. Strengthening of the safeguards system Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXV)/RES/559)

This item is included pursuant to operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/559. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it a report on the measures taken to strengthen the effectiveness of Agency safeguards which have been discussed by the Board since the Conference's 1991 regular session.

14. Strengthening of the Agency's main Committee of the Whole
activities (GC(XXXV)/RES/569)

It is expected that the Director General will report to the General Conference, pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/569, on the implementation of the resolution.

15. The financing of safeguards Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXV)/RES/561)

The arrangements for the financing of safeguards which were approved by the General Conference in 1989 (GC(XXXIII)/RES/512) have been applicable for the years 1990, 1991 and 1992. The Conference decided that they should be reviewed by the Board in 1992 at the latest.

In the operative paragraph of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/561, the General Conference last year requested the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Safeguards to continue its work so that consensus might be reached on the arrangements for the future financing of safeguards and to report, through the Board of Governors, to the Conference at its thirty-sixth regular session.^{6/}

In document GC(XXXVI)/1010 the General Conference will have before it a report on this subject.

^{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.

16. The financing of technical assistance Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXV)/RES/562)

As requested in operative paragraph 1 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/562, the Board established in September 1991, with no financial implications, an Informal Working Group on the Financing of Technical Assistance, with a view to advising the Board on ways and means to implement fully resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388, in which the Conference requested the Board, inter alia, "to take the necessary measures so that technical assistance is funded through predictable and assured resources".

It is expected that the Board will consider this matter at its meetings starting on 16 September 1992, on the basis of a report by the Informal Working Group, and that a report will be submitted to the General Conference pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/562.

17. Plan for producing potable water economically Committee of the Whole
GC(XXXV)/RES/563)

It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 2 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/563, the Director General will present a report to the General Conference on progress in response to resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/540 adopted by the Conference in 1990.

18. The Agency's programme and budget Committee of the Whole
for 1993 and 1994

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1993 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(XXXVI)/1006.

19. Scale of assessment of Members' Committee of the Whole
contributions towards the Regular Budget

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 1993 will be submitted to the Conference.

Also, in the light of developments in the United Nations the General Conference will be called upon to deal with the 1992 assessment rate for any State which has become a Member of the Agency since the 1991 session of the General Conference.

20. Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXV)/RES/564)

It is expected that the Director General will report to the General Conference pursuant to the requests made in operative paragraph 2 of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/564.

21. Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Committee of the Whole
Statute (GC(XXXV)/RES/565)

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/565, 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-sixth regular session". It is expected that the Board will consider this matter at its meetings starting on 16 September 1992 and that its report will be before the Conference.

22. Revision of Article VI of the Statute Committee of the Whole
as a whole (GC(XXXV)/RES/566)

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/566, 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." It is expected that the Board will consider a report of the informal working group at its meetings starting on 16 September 1992 and that the group's report, submitted through the Board, will be before the Conference.

23. South Africa's nuclear capabilities Plenary meeting
(GC(XXXV)/RES/567)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/567 adopted by the Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will, as requested in operative paragraph 2 of the resolution, report to the Conference.

24. Iraq's non-compliance with its safeguards Plenary meeting
obligations (GC(XXXV)/RES/568)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/568 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will, as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the resolution, report to the Conference.

25. 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.

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

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

27. Report on voluntary contributions pledged Plenary meeting
to the Technical Assistance and
Co-operation Fund for 1993

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1993 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

