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Fortieth 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 fortieth regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 16 September 1996, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 14 September and Sunday, 15 September 1996), facilities will be 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 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 (tel. no.: + 43 1 2060/21323).
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 plenary or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive, by 17 August 1996, 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 1996.

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

^{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*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. 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*

The Conference will have before it one or more recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency. Document GC(40)/2 contains a Board recommendation regarding an application by the Republic of Moldova.

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

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

4. Statement by the Director General *Plenary*

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 area 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 so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

- (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion *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 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*

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date of the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date of the forty-first (1997) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1997 *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1997 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 1995 *Plenary*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1995 which the Board has prepared (GC(40)/8).

8. Election of Members to the Board of Governors *Plenary*

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board^{4/}. 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(40)/7 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1996-97.

^{4/} The terms of office of Algeria, Brazil, Ghana, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Thailand, Turkey and Uruguay will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXVIII)/RES/DEC(1994), decision number GC(XXXVIII)/DEC/9).

9. The Agency's accounts for 1995 *Committee of the Whole*

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1995, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(40)/9.

10. The Agency's programme and budget for 1997 and 1998 *Committee of the Whole*

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1997 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(40)/10.

11. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget *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 1997 will be submitted to the Conference.

12. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety *Committee of the Whole*

Under this item, the General Conference will have before it documentation describing the measures being taken by the Agency to strengthen international co-operation in these areas.

13. Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report (in document GC(40)/5) on the implementation of resolution GC(39)/RES/14 as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the resolution.

14. Plan for producing potable water economically *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report (in document GC(40)/4) on the progress made in the implementation of resolution GC(39)/RES/15 as requested in operative paragraph 7 of the resolution.

15. Extensive use of isotope hydrology for water resources management *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report (in document GC(40)/3) on the progress made in the implementation of resolution GC(39)/RES/16 as requested in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution.

16. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(39)/RES/17 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General, as requested in operative paragraph 7, will report to the General Conference on the implementation of the resolution.

17. Measures against illicit trafficking in nuclear materials and other radioactive sources *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to submit a report to the General Conference as requested in operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(39)/RES/18.

18. Personnel questions

(a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(39)/RES/19 as requested in operative paragraph 2 of the resolution.

(b) Women in the Secretariat

Committee of the Whole

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(39)/RES/20 as requested in operative paragraph 7 of the resolution.

19. Article VI of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

(a) Amendment of Article VI

In resolution GC(39)/RES/21, the Conference requested the Board of Governors to continue consultations with Member States through the existing Open-ended Consultative Group and to submit its report and recommendations on proposed amendments to Article VI for approval by the General Conference at its fortieth regular session.

It is expected that, following discussion at its June 1996 session, the Board will revert to this matter at its meetings starting on 9 September 1996 and that a report will be before the Conference.

(b) Composition of regional groups

Committee of the Whole

In resolution GC(39)/RES/22, the General Conference requested the Director General "to study all the implications of the proposal contained in document GC(39)/COM.5/10 and submit a report to the Board of Governors." It further requested the Board "to consider this matter and report to the General Conference at its fortieth regular session."

In document GC(40)/11, the Conference will have before it a report by the Board as requested in operative paragraph 2 of the resolution.

20. Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(39)/RES/3, in which the General Conference decided last year to include in the agenda for its fortieth regular session an item entitled "Implementation of the agreement

between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons".

21. An African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(39)/RES/4 adopted by the Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 2.

22. The implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(39)/RES/5 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 8 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq.

23. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(39)/RES/24 adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference (in document GC(40)/6) on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

24. 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.

25. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee *Plenary*

It is expected that the Conference will be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

26. Report on voluntary contributions to the
Technical Co-operation Fund for 1997

Plenary

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1997 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.