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The text of a note verbale dated 23 September 1997 which the Director General has received from the Permanent Mission of Uruguay is - as requested - reproduced for the attention of the General Conference.

"The Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the International Organizations based in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to refer to Letter N3.31.2-uru regarding the payment of Uruguay's contribution to the Agency.

"In this regard, the Permanent Mission wishes to state that the payment of US\$ 59 933 to the Agency was ordered in an executive resolution dated 26 August 1997 and that the Ministry of Economics and Finance has instructed the New York branch of the Bank of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to effect the payment in question as soon as possible.

"In the light of what is stated above and in accordance with Article XIX.A of the Agency's Statute, it is requested that consideration be given to the possibility of Uruguay's being permitted to vote at the session of the General Conference opening on 29 September 1997.

"Thanking the General Conference in advance, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the International Organizations based in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest esteem."^{*/}

^{*/} It is suggested that, pursuant to Rule 42(b) of the Conference's Rules of Procedure and in line with past practice, this request be referred to the General Committee for consideration.

