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**PARTICIPATION OF PALESTINE IN THE WORK OF THE IAEA****Note by the Director General**

On 25 September 1998, the General Conference adopted resolution GC(42)/RES/20 - by which it decided to confer upon Palestine in its capacity as observer, and as set forth in the Annex to that resolution, additional rights and privileges of participation in the work of the Agency. The Director General was requested to inform the General Conference about the implementation of that resolution.

This note has been prepared in response to the request made by the General Conference. In implementing the resolution, the Secretariat took note of the United Nations practice in responding to a similar resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (52/250 of 7 July 1998).

Palestine shall have the right of inscription on the speakers list without prejudice to the priority of member States, as of the forty-third regular session of the General Conference. An invitation to the General Conference and announcements of international conferences convened under the auspices of the IAEA are sent to Palestine.

Palestine is seated after non-member States and before intergovernmental organizations. To reflect the new arrangements, the March 1999 edition of the Blue Book, "Board of Governors and Permanent Missions to the IAEA", lists Palestine under section IV "Entities Having Received a Standing Invitation to Participate as Observers in the Sessions and Work of the General Conference and Maintaining Permanent Observer Missions in Vienna".

At the beginning of each session of the General Conference, during its consideration of the report of the General Committee, the President of the Conference will indicate that Palestine's participation in that session will be in accordance with General Conference resolution GC(42)/RES/20 of 25 September 1998, after which there will be no precursory explanation prior to any intervention by Palestine in the session.

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Under agenda items other than Palestinian and Middle East issues, Palestine shall have the right to be inscribed on the list of speakers without prejudice to the priority of member States at any meeting of the plenary, after the last Member State inscribed on the list of that meeting.

On matters related to the proceedings on agenda items concerning Palestinian and Middle East issues, Palestine may raise a point of order, with the exception of a point of order made in connection with the actual conduct of voting

Palestine will have the right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and draft decisions under agenda items concerning Palestinian and Middle East issues. Such draft resolutions and draft decisions shall only be put to a vote upon request from a member State.