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### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference<sup>1</sup>, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the forty-fourth regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna<sup>2</sup> on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m.
2. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure, 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.
3. Should the Director General receive by 19 August 2000 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 29 August 2000.
4. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September 2000), 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 2600/21323).

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<sup>1</sup> GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> The Austria Center Vienna is located at 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<sup>3</sup>** *Plenary*

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. In accordance with Rules 34 and 40, the Conference will also be called upon to elect eight Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members on the proposal of the President.

2. **Applications for membership of the Agency** *Plenary*

Documents GC(44)/2 and GC(44)/3 contain applications for membership of the Agency from Tajikistan and Azerbaijan respectively, together with the Board recommendation in each case required under Article IV.B. of the Statute. Any further applications received in time will also be placed before the Conference for its consideration.

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 is expected to make a statement to the Conference.

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 General 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*

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<sup>3</sup> As stated in paragraph 4 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.

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-fifth (2001) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

(c) **Restoration of voting rights** *Committee of the Whole*

Pursuant to resolution GC(42)/RES/4 of 1998, the Director General has included this sub-item in the provisional agenda so as to enable the Conference to make a follow-up assessment of the usefulness and pertinence of the criteria and guidelines for considering requests for the restoration of voting rights adopted in 1998.

6. **Contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2001** *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2001 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

7. **General debate and the Annual Report for 1999** *Plenary*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the Agency's Annual Report for the year 1999, which the Board has approved (GC(44)/4).

As part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, it is recommended that statements by delegates in the general debate be limited to 15 minutes.

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

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board.<sup>4</sup> 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. of the Statute. Designations made in accordance with Article VI.A.1 of the Statute for membership on the Board in 2000-2001 are set out in document GC(44)/10.

9. **The Agency's accounts for 1999** *Committee of the Whole*

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<sup>4</sup> The terms of office of Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Sudan and Uruguay will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(42)/RES/DEC(1998), decision number GC(42)/DEC/9).

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1999, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(44)/5.

**10. The Agency's programme and budget for 2001** *Committee of the Whole*

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 2001 and a corresponding proposed programme of work in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(44)/6.

**11. The financing of technical co-operation** *Committee of the Whole*

The Board of Governors was requested, in resolution GC(43)/RES/14, to make recommendations to the General Conference on target figures for contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund in 2001 and 2002 and on Indicative Planning Figures for the years 2003 and 2004. It is expected that the Board will report to the Conference.

**12. The financing of safeguards** *Committee of the Whole*

Revised arrangements for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the safeguards component of the Regular Budget for each of the years 1996 through 2000 were approved by the General Conference in 1995. The Conference decided at that time that the Board should review those arrangements in the year 2000 at the latest. It is expected that the Board will make a recommendation to the Conference on safeguards financing after the year 2000.

**13. 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 2001 will be submitted to the Conference.

**14. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety**

**(a) The safety of radiation sources and the security of radioactive materials** *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(43)/RES/10, adopted by the General Conference last year. A report on the implementation of this resolution, as requested in its operative paragraph 2, will be contained in document GC(44)/7.

**(b) Other safety matters** *Committee of the Whole*

Under this sub-item the Conference will have before it the Nuclear Safety Review for the year 1999 (GC(44)/INF/4) and a number of other information documents on safety-

related matters, such as the International Conference on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (GC(44)/INF/5), occupational radiation exposure (GC(44)/INF/6), the safety of transport of radioactive materials (GC(44)/INF/7), the radiological protection of patients (GC(44)/INF/8) and international intercomparisons of radiation dose measurements (GC(44)/INF/9).

15. **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(44)/INF/3) on the implementation of resolution GC(43)/RES/14 as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

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

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(43)/RES/17 as requested in its operative paragraph 13.

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 report on the implementation of resolution GC(43)/RES/18 as requested in its operative paragraph 8.

18. **Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications**

This item has been included at the request of the Board of Governors.

(a) **Nuclear Technology Review 2000** *Committee of the Whole*

Under this sub-item the Conference will have before it the Nuclear Technology Review 2000 (document GC(44)/9), an earlier version of which has already been considered by the Board.

(b) **Plan for producing potable water economically** *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(43)/RES/15 as requested in it operative paragraph 9.

19. **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(43)/RES/3, in which the General Conference decided last year to remain seized of the matter and to include in the agenda for its forty-fourth regular session an item with this title.

20. **Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq** *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(43)/RES/22 adopted by the General Conference last year. As requested in operative paragraph 8 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on his efforts to implement the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq.

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

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(43)/RES/23 adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

22. **Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat** *Plenary*

This item has been included in the provisional agenda in response to a request made by Yemen on behalf of the Arab States that are members of the Agency. An explanatory memorandum, required under Rule 20, is contained in document GC(44)/8.

23. **Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee** *Committee of the Whole*

This item has been included as the Conference may be called upon to elect one or more members to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

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. **Report on contributions pledged to the** *Plenary*

**Technical Co-operation Fund for 2001**

It is expected that pledges of contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2001 will be obtained during the Conference's session and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.