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Note by the Director General

1. On 14 April 1971 the Director General received a letter from the Resident Representative of Mexico to the Agency which reads as follows:

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"... the Government of the United Mexican States takes pleasure in inviting the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency to hold its sixteenth regular session, in 1972, in the capital of my country.

"My Government desires by this means to enhance the universal character of the Agency, which has its permanent headquarters in Europe and whose supreme organ has already met in Asia, in 1965, at the invitation of the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

"In consideration of the high aims which the Agency's Statute lays down as regards promotion of the utilization of atomic energy for exclusively peaceful purposes, the Mexican Government considers it fitting that the General Conference should meet in Latin America, which constitutes the first denuclearized area of the world.

"Under the terms of an agreement to be signed in due course, my Government is prepared to provide all the necessary facilities and the local staff required, and likewise to defray such additional expenditure as the Agency may incur in holding the session away from its headquarters.

"My Government will also have the honour to extend to delegations from Member States, observers and Secretariat staff the same facilities as those which they enjoy at the sessions held at the Agency's headquarters."

2. Should the General Conference decide to accept the foregoing invitation, the Director General does not foresee that such a decision would give rise to any administrative difficulties for the Secretariat.

