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## ADVANCE INFORMATION

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### THE SESSION

1. The opening meeting of the session on Tuesday, 21 September 1976, will begin at 3 p.m. The session will be held at the conference centre of the Hotel Nacional-Rio and is expected to last until about 29 September. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GC(XX)/562.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

2. There are considerable variations in the cost of hotel rooms in Rio de Janeiro but, as a rough guide, a single room and breakfast in a good class hotel may cost up to 50 United States dollars a day. The Brazilian authorities have informed us that preferential rates have been negotiated for participants at the Conference with the managements of the following hotels:

(a) Hotel Nacional-Rio  
Avenida Niemeyer 769  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Telephone: 399 2100  
Telex: 21238

(b) Hotel Intercontinental  
Avenida Litorânea 222  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Telephone: 399 2200  
Telex: 21790

(c) Hotel Sheraton  
Avenida Niemeyer 121  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Telephone: 274 1122  
Telex: 31626

The Hotel Intercontinental is very close to the Hotel Nacional-Rio. The Hotel Sheraton is about ten minutes away by car. A shuttle service is planned for the latter. These three hotels are the only hotels within easy reach of the conference centre.

3. The Brazilian authorities advise that participants make their reservations before 30 July with the Executive Secretary of their co-ordinating group whose address is:

Counsellor Ernesto Ferreira de Carvalho  
Executive Secretary of the  
Brazilian Co-ordinating Group  
for the IAEA General Conference  
Avenida Marechal Floriano 196  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Telex: 21761

Reservations should indicate the number and type of rooms (single or double) required, the date of arrival and expected duration of stay.

#### TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

4. To facilitate customs and immigration formalities, the Host Government would appreciate it if the date and time of arrival of participants, as well as flight numbers could be communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Brazilian Co-ordinating Group (address in paragraph 3) as soon as this information becomes available.
5. Information has been received that some airlines (Varig, Alitalia, Air France) will organize group travel at special rates in connection with the Conference. Further details may be obtained from the respective airline offices in Vienna.

#### COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

6. Rule 23 of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure [1] provides for each Member of the Agency to be represented by one delegate, who may be accompanied by as many assistants (alternates, advisers, etc.) as may be needed. Governments are particularly asked to communicate at least the provisional composition of their delegations to the Secretariat prior to 10 September so that the first edition of the delegates' list may be as complete as possible.

#### CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

7. Each delegate (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if he is already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity - for example, as a Resident Representative. In the past a large number of credentials have been delivered late, in many cases even after the session has begun; this caused difficulties, particularly to the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should reach the Director General not later than 14 September; they must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned.

#### REGISTRATION AND PASSES

8. It is necessary for every member of each delegation to be registered with the Secretariat, and to facilitate this (as well as to provide information and other assistance if required) the Protocol Office will open in the conference centre on Monday, 13 September. Delegations are invited to register as soon as practicable and are urged, in their own interest, to do so not later than Monday, 20 September.

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[1] GC(XX)/INF/152.

9. For security reasons, and at the request of the Brazilian authorities, a pass (identity badge) for each member of a delegation will be issued upon registration. Since this badge is to bear a photograph of the holder, which will be taken on the spot, it is essential for each member of a delegation to register in person. Access to the conference centre will be granted only to persons in possession of this badge.

#### FACILITIES FOR TRANSLATING, TYPING AND REPRODUCING PAPERS

10. The Agency's Secretariat will translate and reproduce such papers (memoranda, draft resolutions, etc.) as may be formally introduced as Conference documents. In respect of other facilities, delegations should bear in mind that some limitations occur whenever the Conference is held away from Headquarters.

#### TIME CHANGE

11. Local time in Rio de Janeiro is three hours in arrear of Greenwich Mean Time.

#### THE WEATHER

12. Typically the temperature in Rio de Janeiro during the second half of September varies between 20 and 30°C; the weather is considerably warmer and more humid than in Vienna at that time of the year.

#### CLOTHES

13. Participants may wish to bear in mind that reception rooms in the Hotel Nacional and the entire conference area are air-conditioned. Long dresses are frequently worn at receptions. No official reception is envisaged for which a dinner jacket would be required.

#### CURRENCY

14. At present the official rate of exchange is 10.76 cruzeiros to the United States dollar. The branch of the Banco do Brasil in the conference centre will change foreign currency, travellers cheques, etc.

#### ELECTRICITY

15. Members of delegations intending to take electrical appliances to Brazil will wish to note that the electricity supply is 110 volt, 60 cycles.

#### TOURS

16. A tour and travel bureau will be installed in the conference centre to provide members of delegations with the usual services; it will also be able to help in arranging visits to places of interest in Rio de Janeiro as well as tours elsewhere in the country.

#### GRATUITIES

17. It is understood that it is customary in Brazil to offer gratuities in hotels and restaurants of approximately 10% of the bill.

ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

18. Delegations intending to organize official receptions are advised that there are certain restrictions on the importation of alcoholic liquor into Brazil. Prior consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Brazilian Co-ordinating Group or with overseas missions based in Brazil may be advisable in such cases.