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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

(c) THE TWENTY-THIRD (1979) REGULAR SESSION

## Note by the Director General

1. On 22 August 1978 the Director General received a letter from the Minister of External Affairs of India which reads as follows:

"13 August 1978

"As you are aware, the Government of India have offered to host the twenty-third regular session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in New Delhi. At its twenty-first regular session of the General Conference in September 1977, the Conference took note of India's offer. I have now the pleasure of formally extending on behalf of the Government of India, our invitation for the twenty-third regular session of the General Conference to be held in New Delhi from 4 to 10 December 1979. We would also be glad to play host to the IAEA Board Meeting preceding the Conference from 29 to 30 November 1979 and the Board Meeting and the Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting following the Conference from 11 to 13 December 1979."

2. Should the Conference decide to accept the foregoing invitation and the suggested dates, in accordance with the pattern of agreements signed in the past when the session of the General Conference was held away from Vienna, an agreement would be concluded between the Government of India and the Agency containing provisions on practical and other arrangements for the session, specifying inter alia that additional expenditure in holding the session away from the Agency Headquarters will be borne by the Government of India.