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ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTIONS ADOPTED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Note by the Director General

1. On 26 September 1986, the General Conference, at its special session, adopted the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency and opened them for signature on that day.
2. The Convention on Early Notification will enter into force on 27 October 1986, having received the number of signatures of States expressing consent to be bound by the Convention required under paragraph 3 of Article 12. In the course of the special session and when signing the Conventions, the representatives of several States declared the willingness of their Governments to apply the Conventions provisionally pending their entry into force.
3. Accordingly, as the two Conventions assign certain functions to the Agency, the Director General wishes to inform Member States of the following with regard to the Agency's preparedness for carrying out those functions - also provisionally:

(a) The Agency already has in place an internal structure which can be adapted so as to enable the Agency to carry out provisionally the functions assigned to it under the Conventions; and

(b) All communications concerning the information which parties to the Conventions are required to send to the Agency and all requests which parties to the Conventions are entitled to make to the Agency should be addressed to the Director General.