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GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Thirty-first regular session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference^{1/}, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the thirty-first regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna^{2/}, on Monday, 21 September 1987, at 10 a.m. It is expected that, at its opening meeting, the Conference will be addressed by the Federal President of Austria on the occasion of the Agency's thirtieth anniversary. Also, it is hoped that Member States will find it possible to be represented at the ministerial level in order to commemorate this occasion.
2. Pursuant to Rule 11, 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 a plenary meeting or in a committee.
3. Should the Director General receive, by 22 August, 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 1 September.

1/ GC (XIX) /INF/152.

2/ The Austria Center Vienna is located 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 Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President, and the President will propose for election the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Also, under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members, elected on the proposal of the President.

2. Opening statements Plenary meeting

It is expected that the Conference will be addressed by the Federal President of Austria. Also, the Conference will hear a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. Statement by the Director General Plenary meeting

The Director General proposes to make a statement to the Conference.

4. 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 Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or proposed 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 General Committee
opening date of the next session

Under Rule 8 the Conference is required to set the closing date for the session, after considering a recommendation on the subject which the General Committee will make. Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the thirty-second (1988) regular session.

5. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Plenary meeting
Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1988

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1988 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

6. General debate and annual report for 1986 Plenary meeting

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1986 which the Board has prepared (GC (XXXI)/800).

7. Election of Members to the Board of Governors Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board^{3/}. 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.2 of the Statute. Document GC(XXXI)/803 sets out the names of members designated by the Board of Governors under Article VI.A.1 of the Statute to serve on the Board from the end of the regular session this year until the end of the regular session in 1988.

^{3/} The terms of office of Algeria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Pakistan, Poland, Sudan and Sweden will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXIX)/RESOLUTIONS (1985), decision number GC(XXIX)/DEC/8).

8. The Agency's accounts for 1986

Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1986, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and observations by the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXXI)/801.

9. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection

Committee of the Whole

In operative paragraph 3 of General Conference resolution GC(SPL.I)/RES/2, adopted at the Conference's special session last year, the Board was requested to report to the Conference on the implementation of 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 on the implementation of the resolution. The Board discussed these and related matters during meetings in December 1986 and February and June 1987. It will resume its discussion at its meetings in September, preceding the Conference's session, and its report will be before the Conference. In addition, pursuant to a request made in resolution GC(XXX)/RES/461 adopted at the regular session of the General Conference last year, the Conference will have before it a report on the signature and ratification status of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material; also, it will have before it a report on the implementation of the Convention.

10. The Agency's budget for 1988

Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1988 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(XXXI)/802. The budget estimates are based on the requirements for the second year of the biennium 1987-88 and include requirements for the Agency's expanded nuclear-safety-related programme activities. A recommendation with regard to the level of the Working Capital Fund in 1988 will be made by the Board in September.

11. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1988 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 1988 will be submitted to the Conference.

12. The Agency's relations with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization Committee of the Whole

It is expected that the General Conference will have before it a recommendation by the Board that it approve a relationship agreement between the Agency and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization .

13. The financing of technical assistance Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/464, the Board will report to the Conference on the actions taken with regard to the implementation of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388, adopted by the Conference in 1981, on the financing of technical assistance. The report of the Board is contained in document GC(XXXI)/804.

14. Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/465, the Director General will report to the Conference on the continuing implementation of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/386, adopted by the Conference in 1981, on the staffing of the Agency's Secretariat.

15. Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute Committee of the Whole

In General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/466, the Board was requested to conduct consultations with Member States and to submit its observations and recommendations on proposed amendments regarding this matter for approval by the Conference at its thirty-first regular session. The report of the Board is contained in document GC(XXXI)/805.

16. Revision of Article VI of the Statute Committee of the Whole
as a whole

In General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/467, adopted last year, the Board was requested to establish, with no financial implications, an informal working group open to all Member States in order to examine different proposals on the revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole with a view to preparing a report to be submitted through the Board to the General Conference at its next regular session. The report of the Board is contained in document GC(XXXI)/806.

17. South Africa's nuclear capabilities Plenary meeting

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/468 adopted last year. A resolution containing a recommendation made by the Board of Governors pursuant to operative paragraph 12 of the resolution, together with the summary records of the Board's discussion of this item in February and June 1987 and an information paper produced by the Director General, will be before the Conference in document GC(XXXI)/807.

18. 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.

19. Appointment of the External Auditor Plenary meeting

The Conference appointed the present External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1986 and 1987^{4/}. It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment again this year.

20. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect one or more persons to membership of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee to replace one or more members previously elected by the Conference but no longer able to serve.

21. Report on voluntary contributions pledged to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1988 Plenary meeting

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1988 will be obtained during the Conference's session and that a report will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

^{4/} See document GC(XXIX)/RESOLUTIONS(1985), decision number GC(XXIX)/DEC/9.