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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

OPENING OF THE THIRTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION

1. The thirty-third regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 25 September 1989, at 10.a.m.^{1/} It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV)^{2/}, Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).

PRE-SESSION CONSULTATIONS

2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 23 September, and Sunday, 24 September 1989), facilities are being made available at the VIC for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters (i.e. regarding the composition of the General Committee) and thereby contributing to the smooth running of the Conference's session, ensuring - where necessary - that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.

^{1/} The provisional agenda for the thirty-third regular session is contained in documents GC(XXXIII)/871 and Add.1.

^{2/} Plans of the ACV and a traffic plan will be attached to the "Handbook" (Information for Delegations) to be issued before the Conference session opens.

NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

3. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done in writing - by letter or by completing the registration form which will be transmitted to Permanent Missions at the beginning of September 1989. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure^{3/} provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many assistants (alternates, advisers, etc.) as may be needed. The first list of members of delegations will be issued on Sunday, 24 September; it will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat before Friday, 22 September.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

4. 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 Resident Representative. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General not later than Monday, 18 September, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. If credentials cannot be submitted by Friday, 22 September, Delegates should deliver them direct to the Credentials Officers at the ACV either on Sunday, 24 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

^{3/} GC(XXXI)/INF/245.

REGISTRATION FOR BADGES

5. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph for entry into the ACV during the session. Badges will be issued by the staff at the Registration Desk to those designated participants who are not already in possession of a valid VIC ground pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

6. Participants may register on Friday, 22 September, at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Sunday, 24 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. at the ACV. Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk at the ACV.

7. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on 20 September 1989 may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 September, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Tuesday, 19 September.

DOCUMENTS

8. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 at the VIC not later than Friday, 22 September, and specify its requirements for documents on a form which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the ACV either on Sunday, 24 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

9. Before the opening of the session one complete set of the Conference documents already issued will be available to each delegation. All documents produced during the session, including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be issued through the Documents Station at the ACV.

SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

10. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A 2871). As Member States were informed by document GC(XXXIII)/INF/266, issued on 5 May 1989, inscription in the list of speakers started on 19 June 1989; a ballot was taken at 11 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives had -- between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. -- personally made a request for inscription in the list.^{4/} Since 11 a.m. on 19 June, Member States making requests for inscription in the list have been added in the order in which they made their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

11. In order that the general debate may represent a more efficient use of the time available, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements down to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make. The summary records of the general debate will nevertheless be based on the full texts of Delegates' statements handed to the Secretariat.

12. It would be greatly appreciated if the texts of statements to be delivered were handed to the Secretariat in advance. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session.

13. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing.

^{4/} This procedure is in line with a recommendation made by the inter-sessional working group referred to in paragraph 14 below, which it was agreed to implement on a trial basis for this year's General Conference session.

REVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE'S WORKING PRACTICES

14. The General Conference last year decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, that an inter-sessional working group should be set up to consider ways of streamlining the Conference's working practices and timing. The report of the working group, which met under the chairmanship of Ambassador Halim bin Ali of Malaysia, the President of the General Conference at last year's regular session, is contained in document GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77. It is expected that the recommendations made by the working group will initially be considered by the General Committee, which will report to the Conference.

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 1990

15. The Board of Governors has set a target of US\$ 45,5 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1990. Before the regular session opens, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged themselves to make^{5/}. It will be greatly appreciated if Governments facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their pledges to the Director General as soon as they are in a position to do so.

SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON "THE NEW GENERATION OF NUCLEAR POWER"

16. During the Conference's session, there will be a special scientific meeting on "The New Generation of Nuclear Power". It will take place on 26 and 27 September in Conference Room C at the ACV and will consist of three technical sessions followed by a panel discussion.^{6/}

^{5/} The corresponding document of last year was GC(XXXII)/847.

^{6/} The programme of the special scientific meeting on "The New Generation of Nuclear Power" is contained in the Annex to this document.

17. The sessions of the special scientific meeting will be held in parallel with the Conference's formal programme. It is expected that the Chairman and Rapporteur of the scientific meeting will report on its results at a plenary meeting of the Conference.

MEETING OF SENIOR NUCLEAR SAFETY OFFICIALS

18. The traditional meeting of senior nuclear safety officials will be held on Thursday, 28 September. The main themes of the meeting will be "reactor events and public communication", and "periodic plant safety re-assessment". The meeting will be held in Meeting Room II at the VIC.

RCA/ARCAL MEETINGS AND AFRICA REGIONAL MEETING

19. There will be meetings of representatives of Member States parties to RCA and ARCAL, and a regional meeting of representatives of African Member States. The times and venues of these meetings, which will be held in the VIC, will be announced in the Conference Journal.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS

20. Consultations will be held with representatives of Member States receiving Agency technical assistance. Where the Member States in question have Permanent Missions in Vienna, these will be informed of the meeting times and venues a week before the Conference session. The meeting schedules will be announced daily in the Conference Journal.

General Information

ACCOMMODATION FOR DELEGATIONS

1. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the month of September. It is therefore important to reserve accommodation as far in advance as possible. Delegates are advised to make their bookings either direct with the hotel or through their Permanent Mission or Embassy/Consulate in Vienna.

CURRENCY

2. Bank notes, travellers' cheques and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction but, as not all currencies are in equal demand, a few may not be easily saleable. Departing visitors may take with them the foreign currency and securities they brought into the country and up to AS 100 000 in Austrian currency. It is recommended that Conference participants keep the receipts relating to all major currency exchange transactions in case they need to re-exchange currencies on their departure from Austria.

PARKING

3. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued; for other cars blue stickers will be issued. Parking facilities will be available on parking decks 1 and 2.

VIC COMMISSARY

4. In accordance with the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Austrian Government, the heads of delegations of Member States participating in the General Conference are entitled to commissary cards for the duration of the Conference's session.

5. Any questions in connection with the issuing of commissary cards to the heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office.

RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE CONFERENCE

6. The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to contact the Protocol Office if they wish an announcement regarding such events to be included in the Conference Journal.

ANNEX

SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON THE NEW GENERATION OF NUCLEAR POWER

(26 and 27 September 1989)
ACV Conference Room C

26 September, 10.00: OPENING

Address by the Director General
Remarks by the Chairman and Rapporteur to the General Conference
Introduction of the programme through keynote address on "The Necessity of Nuclear Power".

SESSION 1: PLANT OWNERS' REQUIREMENTS
Presentations by keynote speakers

What would plant owners and operators require of plant to be ordered within the next decade?

- size
 - economics
 - standardization
 - contract forms and terms
 - financing
 - assurance of performance
 - safety features
 - fuel cycle
 - licensing process
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26 September, 14.30

SESSION 2: VIEWS OF REGULATORS
Presentations by keynote speakers

The regulators' views on safety and licensing requirements over the next decades

- assurances of licenseability and licensing schedule
 - standardization
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27 September: 10.00

SESSION 3: VIEWS ON SUPPLIERS' READINESS
Presentations by keynote speakers

How do suppliers contemplate meeting the requirements envisaged by operators and regulators?*

- standardized plants
 - size ranges
 - contract forms and terms
 - financing
 - safety features
 - fuel cycle
 - operations support
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27 September: 14.30

SESSION 4: PANEL DISCUSSION

Is there a need for governmental support

- to support development work
 - to support prototypes and demonstration plants
 - to get a more unified approach to regulation
 - to win acceptability for nuclear power
 - to enhance international cooperation?
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* The 3rd 1989 issue of the Agency's Bulletin, to be published just before the General Conference session, will contain descriptions of advanced reactor concepts.