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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-seventh regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center, Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 27 September 1993, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 25 September and Sunday, 26 September 1993), facilities are being made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters 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 may be reserved through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.
3. 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.
4. Should the Director General receive, by 28 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 7 September.

^{1/} GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

^{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^{3/} *Plenary meeting*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. 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. Applications for membership of the Agency *Plenary meeting*

The Conference will have before it recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency. Documents GC(XXXVII)/1053, GC(XXXVII)/1054, GC(XXXVII)/1055, GC(XXXVII)/1056 and GC(XXXVII)/1057 contain applications by the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Kazakhstan respectively.

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations *Plenary meeting*

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. Statement by the Director General *Plenary meeting*

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

^{3/} As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee before Monday morning so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

- (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocations 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 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 opening date of the next session *General Committee*

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-eighth (1994) regular session.

6. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1994 *Plenary meeting*

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1994 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

7. Approval of the appointment of the Director General *Plenary meeting*

The term of appointment of the Director General ends on 30 November 1993.^{4/} Under Article VII.A of the Statute, the Director General is appointed by the Board of Governors with the approval of the General Conference for a term of four years. On 10 June 1993, the Board appointed Dr. Hans Blix to serve for a further term of four years, starting on 1 December 1993. In document GC(XXXVII)/1058 the Board seeking the Conference's approval of this appointment.

^{4/} See resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/505, operative paragraph 1.

8. General debate and annual report for 1992 *Plenary meeting*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1992 which the Board has prepared (GC(XXXVII)/1060).

9. Election of Members to the Board of Governors *Plenary meeting*

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board^{5/}. 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. In document GC(XXXVII)/1059 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1993-94.

10. Harmony and compatibility of programme and budget and accounts documents (GC(XXXVI)/RES/581) *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/581, in which the Director General was requested to ensure, in consultation with Member States and at the latest by 1994, that there is harmony and compatibility between the Agency's programme and budget documents, its annual reports and its accounts documents so as to facilitate their comparison for purposes of effective evaluation. It is expected that the Director General will inform the Conference about the action taken so far in implementing the resolution.

11. The Agency's accounts for 1992 *Committee of the Whole*

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1992, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report by the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXXVII)/1061.

^{5/} The terms of office of Algeria, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Greece, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Viet Nam and Zaire will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXV)/RESOLUTIONS (1991), decision number GC(XXXV)/DEC/9).

12. The Agency's budget for 1994 *Committee of the Whole*

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1994 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(XXXVII)/1062.

13. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget *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 1994 will be submitted to the Conference.

14. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection

(a) Implementation of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/582 *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/582, in which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors and the Director General to report to it about the progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution and of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553 (adopted by the Conference in 1991).

It is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports on the following matters:

- (i) Agency activities related to the safety of nuclear power plants in Eastern Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union (sub-paragraph 3(i)) (GC(XXXVII)/1064, GC(XXXVII)/INF/318)
- (ii) The safety overview process: The Agency's safety services (sub-paragraph 3(ii) and paragraph 4) (GC(XXXVII)/1065)

- (iii) Safety principles for future nuclear power plants (sub-paragraph 3(iii))
(In June 1993, the Board decided to revert to this matter at its meetings starting on 21 September 1993 and it is expected that a report will be before the Conference.)
 - (iv) The preparation of a nuclear safety convention (paragraph 5)
(GC(XXXVII)/1066)
 - (v) The implementation and status 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 (GC(XXXVII)/INF/319)
- (b) Implementation of resolution Committee of the Whole
GC(XXXVI)/RES/583: The preparation of
new Basic Safety Standards

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to the operative paragraph of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/583, in which the General Conference last year requested the Board of Governors and the Director General to inform it, at its thirty-seventh regular session, of further progress made in the revision of the Basic Safety Standards for Radiation Protection (BSS) . In June 1993, the Board decided to revert to this matter at its meetings starting on 21 September 1993 and it is expected that the Conference will have before it a report on progress made in the preparation of new BSS since September last year.

- (c) Implementation of resolution Committee of the Whole
GC(XXXVI)/RES/584: Programme for
education and training in radiation
protection and nuclear safety

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/584, in which the General Conference last year requested the Board of Governors and the Director General to report to it, at its thirty-seventh regular session, on the implementation of this resolution.

A report prepared by the Director General, pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of the resolution, on a programme for education and training in radiological protection and nuclear safety is being transmitted to the Conference for its consideration in document GC(XXXVII)/ 1067.

- (d) Implementation of resolution *Committee of the Whole*
GC(XXXVI)/RES/585: Liability for nuclear damage

It is expected that under this sub-item the Conference will have before it a report by the Board submitted in the light of reports by the Standing Committee on Liability for Nuclear Damage.

15. Practical utilization of food irradiation *Committee of the Whole*
in developing countries (GC(XXXVI)/RES/588)

As requested in operative paragraph 2 of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/588, the Director General is reporting to the General Conference in document GC(XXXVII)/1068 on the Board's consideration of a project proposal for the practical utilization of food irradiation in developing countries.

16. Plan for producing potable water economically *Committee of the Whole*
(GC(XXXVI)/RES/592)

It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/592, the Director General will submit to the General Conference a document on which discussion can be based.

17. Strengthening of the Agency's main activities *Committee of the Whole*
(GC(XXXVI)/RES/587)

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/587.

18. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system (GC(XXXVI)/RES/586) *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/586. It is expected that the Director General will report to the General Conference on the measures taken to strengthen the effectiveness and to improve the efficiency of the Agency safeguards system which have been discussed by the Board since the Conference's 1992 regular session.

19. The financing of safeguards (GC(XXXVI)/RES/590) *Committee of the Whole*

The arrangements for the financing of safeguards which were approved by the General Conference in 1992 (GC(XXXVI)/RES/589) are applicable for each of the years 1993, 1994 and 1995. The Conference decided that the Board should continue to review these arrangements and make a recommendation to the General Conference in 1995 at the latest.

In the operative paragraph of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/590, the General Conference last year requested the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Safeguards to continue its work so that consensus might be reached on long-term arrangements for the future financing of safeguards and to report, through the Board of Governors, to the Conference at its thirty-seventh regular session.^{6/}

In document GC(XXXVII)/1063 the General Conference will have before it a report on this subject.

20. The financing of technical assistance (GC(XXXVI)/RES/591) *Committee of the Whole*

As requested in operative paragraph 1 of resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/591, the Board re-established in September 1992, with no financial implications, the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Technical Assistance, open to all Member States, with a view to

^{6/} The Informal Working Group was established, in response to General Conference resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/513, "to consider various proposals for arrangements that can be agreed upon as a basis for a long-term solution" to the safeguards financing question.

its continuing with the next stage of its activities, this stage to be devoted to exploring ways of obtaining predictable and assured resources for technical assistance and to negotiating feasible options for consideration by the Board of Governors and the General Conference.

The resolution further requested the Board to report on the implementation of the resolution and of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388 to the Conference at its thirty-seventh regular session and it is expected that the Board will submit a report after its consideration of this matter at its meetings starting on 21 September 1993.

21. Personnel questions

- (a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat *Committee of the Whole*
(GC(XXXVI)/RES/598)
- (b) Women in the Secretariat *Committee of the Whole*
(GC(XXXVI)/RES/599)

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolutions GC(XXXVI)/RES/598 and GC(XXXVI)/RES/599 adopted by the Conference in 1992.

22. Article VI of the Statute

- (a) Amendment of Article VI.A.2 *Committee of the Whole*
(GC(XXXVI)/RES/600)

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/600, the Board was requested to continue 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-seventh regular session. It is expected that the Board will consider this matter at its meetings starting on 21 September 1993 and that its report will be before the Conference.

- (b) Revision of Article VI *Committee of the Whole*
as a whole (GC(XXXVI)/OR.352, paras 40-41)

The General Conference last year requested the Board (GC(XXXVI)/OR.352, paras 40 and 41) to establish a successor informal working group on the revision of

Article VI of the Statute as a whole with the mandate set out in resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/566. It is expected that the Board will consider a report of the informal working group at its meetings starting on 21 September 1993 and that the group's report, submitted through the Board, will be before the Conference.

23. The denuclearization of Africa *Plenary meeting*
(GC(XXXVI)/RES/577)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/577 adopted by the Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will, as requested in operative paragraph 4 of the resolution, report to the Conference on its implementation.

24. Implementation of United Nations Security *Plenary meeting*
Council Resolutions 687, 707 and 715
relating to Iraq (GC(XXXVI)/RES/579)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/579 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will, as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the resolution, report to the Conference on his efforts to implement the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions.

25. Application of IAEA safeguards in *General Committee*
the Middle East (GC(XXXVI)/RES/601)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/601 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will, as requested in operative paragraph 7 of the resolution, report to the Conference on the implementation of this resolution.

26. 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.

27. Appointment of the External Auditor *Plenary meeting*

The Conference appointed the present External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1992 and 1993.^{2/} It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment again this year for 1994 and 1995.

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

The Conference will be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

29. Report on voluntary contributions pledged to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1994 *Plenary meeting*

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1994 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

^{2/} See document GC(XXXV)/RESOLUTION (1991), decision number GC(XXXV)/DEC/11.