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Advance Information for Delegations

Report by the Director General

A. Arrangements for the 65th Regular Session of the General Conference in view of the COVID-19 pandemic

1. Following a series of consultations with Member States conducted by the IAEA Secretariat on the arrangements for the 65th regular session of the General Conference, Member States have agreed by silence procedure on 19 July 2021 to these arrangements so that the General Conference can pursue its work in view of the Austrian requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and space limitations in the Vienna International Centre (VIC). The arrangements have been issued as a General Conference document¹ for approval by the Plenary under item 5 of the provisional agenda² of the General Conference entitled “Arrangements for the Conference”.

2. To facilitate Member States’ preparations, the arrangements have been attached as Annex 1 to this document.

3. The Conference will take place as a physical meeting with the possibility of remote connection, via the Interprefy IT platform.

4. Participants are reminded of the host country requirements related to the low epidemiological risk when attending a meeting:

- proof of a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours, or a rapid antigen test not older than 48 hours; or

¹ The arrangements are contained in document GC(65)/17.

² The provisional agenda for the 65th regular session of the General Conference is contained in documents GC(65)/1, Add.1 and Add. 2.

- proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination not older than 270 days and valid from the date of second vaccination, or proof of full vaccination with a vaccine that does not require a booster shot (e.g. Johnson & Johnson) not older than 270 days and valid from the 22nd day after vaccination; or
- a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 illness not older than 180 days, or proof of positive test for neutralising antibodies not older than 90 days.

5. In this regard, by swiping their grounds pass/badge, delegates entering the VIC declare that they possess valid documentation meeting one or more of these criteria. They also confirm that they are able to produce the documentation to the organizers or VIC Medical Service, if required. This is in line with the guidelines adopted at the level of the VIC, which can be found [here](#).

6. Given the circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Member States will be duly informed in case any changes to the arrangements for the 65th regular session of the General Conference are necessary.

7. Participants are required to adhere to the additional COVID-19 precautionary measures described in Section E.

B. Opening of the 65th Regular Session

8. The 65th regular session of the General Conference will open on **Monday, 20 September 2021, at 10.00 a.m.**, in the M Building of the VIC.³

9. Plenary meetings will be held in the Plenary Hall in the M Building (first floor). Meetings of the Committee of the Whole (CoW) will take place in Board Room C in the C Building (fourth floor).

10. Member States are seated by country name in the Plenary Hall, starting with the Member State chairing the Board of Governors (Canada). The seating order will follow the English alphabetical order of country names, in accordance with established practice. In the Plenary Hall, four seats will be allocated to each Member State.

11. Unless otherwise decided by the General Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10.00 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3.00 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. Evening meetings, as and when they become necessary, will be announced accordingly during the session.

C. Registration Process and Physical and Virtual Attendance at Meetings of the Plenary and the Committee of the Whole

12. Registration procedures were transmitted in the enclosure to the notification letter sent to all Member States on 10 June 2021. Member States are kindly requested to register their delegation through the InTouch+ online portal, accessible under the following link <https://intouchplus.iaea.org/> under the General Conference Tab. Registration is open as of 12 August 2021 and should be **completed by**

³ See plan in Annex 3.

Wednesday, 15 September 2021. Detailed online registration guidelines have been made available to Member States on GovAtom by Note 58 on 6 August 2021.

13. Each participant **physically attending** the meetings of the General Conference will require a badge with a photograph in order to enter the VIC. Heads of Permanent Missions and diplomatic staff accredited to the IAEA will not need to be issued an additional badge but must ensure that their current ground passes are valid by the time of the General Conference. Other participants from each Member State delegation need to collect a VIC badge valid for the duration of the General Conference.

14. Once meeting participants are registered online, the VIC Security Pass Office will send an email notification to the email address provided by the participant, containing a link to upload a photograph or to confirm/exchange an existing photograph in the United Nations (UN) Pass Office database. Participants who have not uploaded their photographs successfully will need to allow for additional time to have their pictures taken and their access badges issued on site.

15. At any given time, a maximum of four (4) delegates per Member State can be physically present at the General Conference Plenary and one (1) delegate at the CoW meetings. Access to the Plenary and CoW meeting rooms will be controlled by the use of secondary floating badges. Each Member State will receive accordingly: four (4) floating badges with their country name for the Plenary and one (1) of a different colour for the CoW. UN specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other observers will receive one (1) floating badge each.

16. The distribution of floating badges will be done by Protocol upon presentation of a Note Verbale or an official letter authorizing the collection of badges and providing the name, phone number and email of a focal point. Once collected, floating badges cannot be re-issued.

17. Distribution of floating badges will be done as follows:

Monday, 13 September	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Office A2706
Tuesday, 14 September	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Office A2706
Wednesday, 15 September	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Office A2706
Thursday, 16 September	12.00 noon–4.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1
Friday, 17 September	9.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1
Sunday, 19 September	10.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1
Monday, 20 September	7.30 a.m.– 6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1

18. Access to the Plenary and CoW meetings for any delegate will be possible only upon presentation of a floating badge together with the individual VIC badge, at the entrance to the meeting rooms.

19. The exchange of floating badges among registered members of a delegation shall be done outside of the Plenary Hall. Delegations are encouraged to keep a record of this exchange which will facilitate tracking should a suspected COVID-19 case arise.

20. With a view to keeping physical presence on the VIC premises at a low level, Member States are urged to keep to a minimum the number of delegates accessing the VIC for the purposes of the General Conference.

21. To avoid long queues during the morning of Monday, 20 September 2021, registered participants are strongly encouraged to collect their badges in advance upon presentation of a valid photo ID at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1 on the following days:

Thursday, 16 September	12.00 noon–4.00 p.m.
Friday, 17 September	9.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Sunday, 19 September	10.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.

22. Badges should generally be collected in person, but an authorized person can pick up pre-printed badges in advance by presenting a Note Verbale or an official letter specifying the name of the collector and listing the names of participants whose badges are to be collected. Please note that, once collected, badges cannot be returned to the IAEA Registration Desk or re-issued. Should advance collection of badges not be possible, badges can be collected at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1, as of **7.30 a.m. on Monday, 20 September 2021**.

23. Delegations are kindly reminded to adhere to all mandatory measures such as wearing protective fitted nose-mouth covering masks on the VIC premises, including in meeting rooms, while exiting and entering all gates, and during in-person interactions with personnel at the Registration Desk and UN Security Pass Office.

24. Participants are reminded that badges must be worn visibly at all times on the premises of the VIC.

25. **Remote connection** will be facilitated through the Interprefy IT platform for each of the Plenary and the CoW meetings of the General Conference, and the following arrangements are envisaged: a) three (3) registered devices/electronic links per Member State for the Plenary and three (3) for the CoW; b) one (1) registered device/electronic link per UN specialized agencies, IGOs, NGOs and other observers, for the Plenary only.

26. For the purpose of registration to attend the General Conference via the Interprefy IT platform, it is required to provide, through the online system, the individual NUCLEUS username, email address associated with the NUCLEUS account, and a contact phone number of the participants connecting online.

27. In case of voting, at least one (1) representative per Member State will be required to be physically present in the Plenary Hall where the voting will take place. Casting a vote or votes virtually will not be possible.

28. Live Streaming of the Plenary sessions will be open to the public through the following link that will be available on the website of the 65th regular session of the General Conference: [Web Broadcasting and Streaming at the 65th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#). No registration is required to follow the streaming.

29. On-site registration will be possible at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1 (upon presentation of an official letter or note of nomination, together with a photo ID) on the following days:

Thursday, 16 September	12.00 noon–4.00 p.m.
Friday, 17 September	9.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Sunday, 19 September	10.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Monday, 20 September	7.30 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 21 September	8.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 22 September	9.00 a.m.–12.00 noon

Please allow ample time for security screening and registration.

30. Questions regarding the registration process should be addressed by email to GCRS.ContactPoint@iaea.org.

31. Conference participants who require a visa to enter Austria are urged to contact the nearest consular representative of Austria and apply for valid entry visas well in advance. Visa-related enquiries should be addressed to GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org. The Secretariat's support of visa applications by registered participants is subject to the host country's policy on visas and entry requirements in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. The outcome of the visa application is the decision of the Austrian authorities.

32. Member States are also reminded that, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the cost of attendance at the General Conference of the delegation of each Member State shall be borne by the Member State concerned.

33. A provisional list of participants (document GC(65)/INF/14 - Provisional List) will be issued online on Friday, 17 September, containing information that has been received by the Secretariat by Wednesday, 15 September, and will be made available on the General Conference website and the IAEA Conference and Meetings App. A final list of participants (document GC(65)/INF/14) — containing information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September — will be available online on Friday, 24 September. Printed copies of the provisional and final list of participants will be available upon request in the Protocol Office (M0E 75).

34. Should changes be required after issuance of the provisional list of participants, delegations are requested to inform Protocol in writing to GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org, by **3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September**, so that the final list of participants may be brought up to date.

D. Credentials of Delegates

35. Heads of Delegation (but not other members of delegations) will require credentials specifically for the session, **even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity** (for example, as Resident Representative). In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, original credentials must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned and must be submitted to the Director General, if possible, not later than seven days before the start of the General Conference, i.e. **Monday, 13 September**, in order to facilitate the smooth proceeding of the Conference, in particular the work of the General Committee.

36. **As of 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, 19 September**, original credentials that have not been previously submitted to the Director General should be hand delivered to the Credentials Officer (M Building, ground floor, room M0E 69). It should be noted that credentials cannot be accepted during registration at Gate 1 of the VIC.

37. Delegations are kindly reminded to adhere to all mandatory measures such as physical distancing and wearing protective fitted nose-mouth covering masks in personal interactions with personnel at the Credentials Office.

38. For any assistance regarding credentials, please contact the Credentials Officer at Credentials@iaea.org.

E. COVID-19 precautionary measures

39. A COVID-19 quick guide on precautions is available [here](#).

40. Fitted nose-mouth covering masks must always be worn in meeting rooms and in all other common spaces in the VIC, including corridors, elevators, and the Rotunda, as well as the Commissary, banks and the post office. Face masks will not be provided at the General Conference.

41. A distance of at least one meter among meeting participants should be kept during the meeting and between sessions. There will be fixed seating arrangements in all meeting rooms to ensure a minimum distance. Changing of designated seats is to be avoided.
42. In order to manage the flow of participants at the VIC, floor stickers will mark the flow of people and minimum distances to be kept in various areas and corridors (e.g., registration desk, cafeteria and coffee corners). A maximum of four persons is allowed at the same time inside an elevator.
43. Delegates are reminded that food and beverages are only allowed to be served at designated areas managed by the VIC Catering Service such as the VIC cafeteria and coffee corners.
44. Delegations are reminded to take note and keep record of the participants from their delegation attending each meeting and in possession of a floating badge.
45. Since COVID-19 can be spread before symptoms occur or when no symptoms are present, the identification of potentially infected people must be swift and thorough. Contact tracing involves identifying, monitoring, and supporting individuals who may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 and to limit the dissemination of a virus that is easily and quickly spread.
46. To facilitate close contact tracing by recording participants' contact details and seating arrangements a Quick Response code (QR code) system will be available. Delegates are encouraged to make use of the system by reading the QR code available on each delegation's desk via the camera of their mobile device and provide contact details for the dedicated delegation's seat in the Plenary, CoW, Scientific Forum or when attending any other in-person meeting at the VIC.
47. If a member of a delegation, present or not, in any of the meetings during the 65th regular session of the General Conference shows symptoms, is identified or diagnosed with COVID-19, the delegation must report it immediately to the organizers, the Division of Conference and Documents Services (MTCDD) (by phone: +1 2600 27 227 or +1 2600 27 000) or directly to Medical Services (+1 2600 22224). Confirmed cases until up to 14 days of the meeting must also be reported immediately, so that necessary contact tracing in association with a COVID-19 case may be carried out.

F. Documents

48. In line with the Agency's environmentally-friendly and paper-smart concept for the distribution of documents, General Conference documentation will be available electronically at <https://www.iaea.org/about/governance/general-conference/gc65/documents>. Draft resolutions will be available on GovAtom. Delegates are urged to bring a laptop or tablet computer and make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. Should the use of electronic versions not be practical or possible, hard copies can be obtained, upon request, at the Documents Counter near the Plenary Hall (M Building, first floor).
49. Daily summaries of meetings will be made available online.
50. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the text as early as possible to the Conference Secretary or the Secretary of the CoW (Mr Austin McGill, email: A.McGill@iaea.org or SEC-PMO.Contact-Point@iaea.org). This will greatly facilitate the conduct of business, particularly in the CoW, which normally has to consider and make recommendations on a large number of draft resolutions.

G. Speakers in the General Debate

51. Until the beginning of the 65th regular session of the General Conference on Monday, 20 September, requests for inscription in 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 (Ms Crosby Plaza Hernández, room A2869, ext. 22339, email: C.Plaza@iaea.org or GC-Speakers-List@iaea.org). As Member States were informed through document GC(65)/INF/1, issued on 4 June, inscription in the list of speakers took place between 18 to 22 June; a ballot was taken at 11.00 a.m. on 23 June in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States which made a request for inscription in the list. Member States requesting, after that time, inscription in the list, are being added in the order in which they make their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

52. As of Monday, 20 September, delegates who have not yet inscribed their names on the list but wish to deliver a statement in the general debate are requested to contact the Speakers' List Assistants, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall (M Building, first floor).

H. Statements in the General Debate

53. In line with the arrangements for the 65th regular session of the General Conference, Member States delegates are requested to limit their statements to **five minutes** (approximately 500 words). For observers, a time limit of **three minutes** has been proposed (approximately 300 words).

54. As an alternative option for delegations, Member States and observers may wish to use the option of sending pre-recorded videos (also limited to five minutes) of their statements to the general debate. These video statements will need to be submitted to the IAEA Secretariat (GC-Statements@iaea.org) by 8 September at the latest. The Member State representative or Head of Delegation delivering the pre-recorded video statement will be included in the list of participants under the delegation list of that Member State indicating that he/she delivered a video statement in the general debate.

55. Detailed procedures and information for the submission of pre-recorded video statements during the general debate have been made available to Member States by Note 59 on GovAtom on 6 August 2021.

56. Delegates are encouraged to be mindful that many participants rely on interpretation. Speaking at a measured pace will make it possible for interpreters to render the message smoothly and accurately.

57. To facilitate interpretation and public distribution of statements in the general debate, texts of statements to be delivered should be sent electronically to GC-Statements@iaea.org. The name/rank of the person delivering the statement should be clearly marked on the cover/first page of the statement.

58. All statements, as received will be made available on the Agency's website [Speakers and Statements: 65th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#) in PDF and audio-video format, as soon as possible after delivery, unless the distribution of a statement is restricted by the Member State concerned. In such cases, this should be clearly marked on the statement. For uploading purposes, statements should be clean versions, free of any handwriting or crossed-out text. It should be noted that pre-recorded video statements delivered in the Plenary, as well as statements delivered in-person, will be included in the official records of the General Conference.

I. Working Languages and Interpretation

59. The working languages of the General Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages during the formal meetings of the General Conference will be interpreted simultaneously into the other working languages. Delegates are asked to send to GC-Statements@iaea.org a written text of their statement in advance, in both PDF and Word formats, in one of the working languages.

60. If delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, in accordance with Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages and inform the Secretariat as soon as possible and provide an advance copy of their statement in English for the benefit of the interpreters.

J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2021, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues

61. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 8 June 2021 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of €91 075 000 for Member States' contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2022, letters signed by the Director General of the IAEA indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2022) were issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States to the TCF before or during the General Conference.

62. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the technical cooperation cycle and activities for the year ahead. During the upcoming regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Member States have pledged.⁴ As this document will be updated during the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States would facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their Governments' pledges as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Unit staff, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall (M Building, first floor), and who will arrange for the updated status of pledges to the TCF for 2022.

63. The Contributions Unit staff will also be available in room M0E 67 (M Building, ground floor), ext. 21350, to discuss Regular Budget contributions, contributions to the TCF and extrabudgetary contributions, as well as to respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights. The opening hours of the Contributions Unit office will be from Monday, 20 September until Thursday, 23 September, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.30 p.m., and on Friday, 24 September, from 9.00 a.m. until close of the Plenary.

⁴ The corresponding documents in 2020 were GC(64)/17, GC(64)/17/Rev.1 and GC(64)/17/Rev.2.

K. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the 65th Regular Session of the General Conference

64. The objective of the Scientific Forum is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues related to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum, which takes place from Tuesday, 21 September to Wednesday, 22 September, will be on the theme "Preparing for Zoonotic Outbreaks: the Role of Nuclear Science".

65. The tentative programme is provided in Annex 2 to this document as well as on the General Conference webpage. All sessions will take place in Board Room D, C Building, fourth floor. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

66. Registration should be made via the Agency's registration portal InTouch+. A registration link for virtual participation will be made available on the website.

67. Each Member State, UN specialized agencies, IGOs and NGOs and other observers will receive one (1) floating badge with their country/organization name to participate to the Scientific Forum. These floating badges will be visually distinct from those to be used for the Plenary and the CoW. Entry into the Scientific Forum for any given delegate will be possible only upon presentation of a floating badge together with the individual VIC badge, at the entrance to the Board Room D. A limited number of additional floating badges will be made available at the Scientific Forum information desk prior to sessions, if space inside the meeting room allows.

68. Distribution of floating badges will be done by Protocol as follows:

Monday, 13 September	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Office A2706
Tuesday, 14 September	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Office A2706
Wednesday, 15 September	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Office A2706
Thursday, 16 September	12.00 noon–4.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1
Friday, 17 September	9.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1
Sunday, 19 September	10.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1
Monday, 20 September	7.30 a.m.–6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk, Gate 1

Any question can be sent to: Scientific-Forum.Contact-Point@iaea.org. Once collected, floating badges cannot be re-issued.

69. The exchange of floating badges among registered members of a delegation shall be done outside of the Board Room D. Delegations are encouraged to keep a record of this exchange which will facilitate the tracking should a suspected COVID-19 case arise.

70. The Scientific Forum will also be streamed live, offering viewers a chance to interact with panellists via the IAEA Conferences and Meetings App.

L. Treaty Event

71. The Treaty Event aims to promote universal adherence to the most important multilateral treaties of which the Director General of the IAEA is depositary. In this respect, as was the case in previous years, this event provides an additional opportunity for Member States to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

72. In view of the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, access to the Treaty Event room will only be granted to delegates of Member States depositing their instrument, or instruments, and at no time will there be more than one (1) delegation and not for longer than **five (5)** minutes inside the room. The use of fitted nose-mouth covering masks is required.

73. This event will be held on **Monday, 20 September 2021**, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 68.

74. For further information concerning the Treaty Event, please contact the Office of Legal Affairs at Depositary@iaea.org.

M. Technical Cooperation Meetings

32nd AFRA Meeting of Representatives

75. At this event, high-level representatives of the African Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA) States Parties (Ministers and/or Ambassadors) will endorse decisions and recommendations adopted at the 32nd AFRA Technical Working Group Meeting.

76. This event will be held on Thursday, 9 September 2021, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. CEST in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

50th RCA General Conference Meeting

77. The 50th Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (RCA) General Conference Meeting will focus on policy and management issues related to the RCA, as well as operational and procedural matters on RCA programme planning and implementation.

78. This virtual event will be held on Friday, 17 September 2021, from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. CEST.

Annual Meeting of ARASIA Board of Representatives

79. The event will focus on policy and management aspects related to the Co-operative Agreement for Arab States in Asia for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology (ARASIA) technical cooperation programme, as well as operational and procedural matters regarding ARASIA-related technical cooperation programme planning and implementation.

80. This virtual event will be held on Tuesday, 21 September 2021, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. CEST.

XXII Meeting of the Board of ARCAL Representatives

81. This annual meeting of the Board of Regional Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) Representatives will provide an opportunity to review the achievements of ARCAL in 2021 and consider activities for 2022-2023.

82. This event will be held on Tuesday, 21 September 2021, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. CEST in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

Meeting of the National Liaison Officers from Europe and Central Asia

83. This event will enable National Liaison Officers (NLOs) and Member States from Europe and Central Asia to discuss programme implementation and planning.

84. This event will be held on Thursday, 23 September 2021, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. CEST in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

N. The International Nuclear Safety Group Forum

85. The International Nuclear Safety Group (INSAG) Forum will provide an opportunity for the International Nuclear Safety Group to provide insights on a decade of progress made since the Fukushima Daiichi accident.

86. This virtual event will be held on Monday, 20 September 2021, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. CEST.

O. Nuclear Operators' Forum: Organizational Excellence and Leadership for the Sustainability of Operating Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs)

87. The sustainability of operating NPPs relies on senior managers who can skilfully lead their organizations towards technical and human excellence and effective stakeholder engagement. In this event, a panel of senior managers from nuclear organizations around the world will share their experiences leading toward sustainability and discuss competent leadership and the balance between people and engineering.

88. This event will be held on Wednesday, 22 September 2021, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. CEST in Board Room D, C building, fourth floor.

P. Senior Safety and Security Regulators Meeting

89. At this meeting, heads of regulatory authorities and other senior regulatory officials in the fields of nuclear, radiation, transport and radioactive waste safety and nuclear security will discuss regulatory challenges and share good practices. The meeting will also focus on IAEA Secretariat initiatives to support regulatory bodies, including the gender perspective.

90. This virtual event will be held on Thursday, 23 September, from 12.00 noon to 4.30 p.m. CEST.

Q. Visits Organized in conjunction with the 65th regular session of the General Conference

91. A list of organized visits and detailed information is available on the 65th General Conference website [Events: 65th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#).

R. Side-events Organized in conjunction with the 65th regular session of the General Conference

92. A list of side-events is available on the 65th General Conference website [Events: 65th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#).

S. Exhibits and Displays

93. Information on exhibits and displays is available on the Agency's website [Events: 65th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#).

T. Information Technology Services

IT Service Desk

94. For the duration of the General Conference, the Agency's Division of Information Technology will provide IT Service Desk services in Meeting Room M0E 24, M Building, ground floor, ext. 27222.

External Email and Internet Services

95. Delegates wishing to use their private notebooks, smartphones or tablets with wireless capability will be able to access high speed wireless Internet throughout the M and C Buildings by connecting to the free Wi-Fi network "WLAN-GUEST". Use of the IAEA Guest Wireless Network is subject to the IAEA Guest Wireless Acceptable Use Policy, available in the following link: <https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/21/08/wifi-policy-disclaimer.pdf>

Delegation Assistance Office

96. A secretarial service will be provided to assist Member State delegations with formatting and editing, photocopying, scanning and obtaining hardcopies of online documents and Plenary statements. The service is located in Meeting Room M0E 23, M Building, ground floor.

Live Video Streaming

97. Plenary sessions and the Scientific Forum will be streamed live over the Internet. The streaming can be accessed on the Agency's website at [Web Broadcasting and Streaming at the 65th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#). Live streaming of the Plenary sessions will be available in all official languages.

U. General Information

VIC Entry for Official Cars

98. During the 65th regular session of the General Conference, the cars of Permanent Missions and of Permanent Mission staff registered with the VIC Garage Administration can be parked in the parking areas in the VIC, as usual. Permanent Missions are encouraged to use vehicles registered with the VIC for drop-off and pick-up purpose, to the extent possible. Apart from drivers and cars of Permanent Missions, additional chauffeured cars may be allowed entry to the VIC for drop-off/pick-up for the duration of the Conference. Due to space limitations, access permits for temporary vehicles will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

99. Requests and issuance of temporary access and parking permits is a virtual process. Requests for temporary VIC access permits shall be submitted by Note Verbale via email to Garage Administration (vicgarageadministration@un.org) copying IAEA Protocol (protocol.contact-point@iaea.org), as soon as possible, and **not later than Wednesday, 15 September 4.00 p.m.** Digital VIC access permits will be sent by the VIC Garage Administration via email to the requestors to be printed and displayed when entering the VIC. Drivers who are not in possession of a valid VIC driver badge shall be registered through the General Conference online registration system as Support Staff, with the remark Driver.

100. Drivers' badges shall be collected in advance as they will be required, along with the VIC access permits, when accessing the VIC.

VIC Commissary

101. Access to the Commissary is limited to holders of an access card validated for Commissary access. In accordance with the relevant agreement between the Agency and the Republic of Austria, the **Heads of Delegation** of Member States participating in the General Conference — Austrian nationals and stateless persons resident in Austria excluded — are entitled to Commissary access for the duration of the Conference's session. Such Commissary access is embedded in the conference badge and will need to be activated at the Commissary Information Desk/Service Point. If the Head of Delegation departs before the end of the Conference, Commissary access will be deactivated upon departure and subsequently activated for the duly designated new Head of Delegation upon notification to Protocol in Meeting Room M0E 75, M Building, or by email (GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org). A badge will be issued to the duly designated new Head of Delegation by UN Security and Safety Service staff at Gate 1 (Pass Office). Any additional questions in this connection should be directed to Protocol.

Access between the VIC and the Austria Center Vienna (ACV)

102. The VIC/ACV entrance on the fourth floor in the G Building will be open to facilitate access to members of delegations from Member States that have rented offices at the ACV. The opening hours for the VIC/ACV entrance on the fourth floor, G building, are as follows:

Monday, 20 September, to Friday, 24 September 8.00 a.m. until one hour after the end of meetings.

IAEA Conferences and Meetings App

103. The IAEA Conferences and Meetings app is available for download through Google Play and the App Store. The app will provide information on the Plenary, CoW meetings, side events and the Scientific Forum.

104. The app allows participants to:

- put together a personalized schedule and view up to date programme information on all Conference-related events;
- receive updates on the Plenary speakers' list and the starting times of Plenary and CoW sessions;
- view presentations of those speakers who have permitted their release after the presentation; and
- interact with virtual side event and Scientific Forum organizers via a question and answer (Q&A) functionality.

For assistance on the app, please contact GC.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Non-Smoking Policy at the VIC

105. Smoking in the VIC is restricted to designated smoking shelters at the following P-3 level locations:

- The designated smoking shelter between Towers A and B;
- The designated smoking shelter in front of Tower D; and
- The designated smoking shelter between Towers D and E.

106. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not permitted in any other area of the VIC, including terraces, the Memorial Plaza and all other open spaces.

V. Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at UN System Events

107. The IAEA adheres to the Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at UN System Events (the Code of Conduct), endorsed by the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the UN system in July 2019.

108. All UN system events are guided by the highest ethical and professional standards and the Agency commits to engaging in events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment.

109. All participants of the 65th regular session of the General Conference are expected to uphold the standards set out in the [Code of Conduct](#), available at:

<https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/19/08/code-of-conduct-un-events.pdf>.

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Arrangements for the Conference

1. Following a series of Member States' consultations conducted by the IAEA Secretariat on the arrangements for the 65th regular session of the General Conference, Member States have agreed by silence procedure on 19 July to these arrangements so that the General Conference can pursue its work in the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The arrangements provide the framework for the conduct of the General Conference and are set out in the Annex to this document.
2. This document is intended to enable the General Conference to approve the above-mentioned arrangements and to apply them during the 65th regular session of the General Conference.

Arrangements for GC (65)

The 65th regular session of the IAEA General Conference (GC), will be held from 20 to 24 September 2021, in the Vienna International Centre (VIC). Given the current Austrian health and safety measures in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is expected that the GC will be held as a physical meeting with a possibility of remote connection. On the basis of the current situation, and the recent easing of measures as announced by the host country, and taking into account the safety and health considerations for Member States, the arrangements for the GC described below are envisaged. Should the situation change at any stage before the GC, there may be a need to revise these arrangements accordingly.

Participation and attendance at meetings

- The Plenary meetings will be held in the Plenary Hall of the M-Building of the VIC. Attendance for each Member State will be limited to up to four (4) representatives in the Plenary Hall at any given time. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other observers will be represented by one (1) representative each at any given time in the Plenary Hall. Floating badges for the Plenary Hall will be used by participants accordingly.
- The Committee of the Whole (CoW) meetings will take place in Board Room C in the C-Building and will run in parallel with meetings of the Plenary. Attendance is limited to one (1) representative per delegation. Floating badges for the CoW will be used by participants accordingly.
- Floating badges will be differentiated by colour for the respective Plenary and CoW meetings.
- Virtual participation will be facilitated through the Interprefy IT platform for each of the Plenary and the CoW meetings of the GC, and the following arrangements are envisaged:
 - a) Three (3) registered devices/electronic links per Member State.
 - b) One (1) registered device/electronic link per UN specialized agencies, IGOs, NGOs and other observers.
- The proceedings of the Plenary will be as usual livestreamed in all official languages of the GC on the GC website (no pre-registration needed).
- In case of voting in the Plenary, at least one representative per Member State will be required to be physically present in the Plenary Hall where the voting will take place. Casting a vote virtually will not be possible.
- In light of the use of the Interprefy platform, there will be 3 2-hour sessions per day. There will be also the possibility to schedule additional sessions, if required. Member States will be informed on any changes to the scheduled hours in due course.
- To avoid overcrowding the VIC during the GC, Member States are encouraged to keep the number of their delegates accessing the VIC for the purposes of the GC to a minimum.
- As per the procedures for online registration introduced in October 2020, Member States are requested to register their respective delegations through the InTouch+ online portal. There is no limitation on the total number of registered participants per delegation.

- Before the opening of registration on Thursday, 12 August 2021, the Secretariat will provide additional information regarding the registration for the GC, distribution of floating badges, technical guidance on the use of, and registration for, the Interprefy platform for the Plenary and the CoW meetings.

General Debate

- Member States are requested to limit their respective statements delivered in the general debate to 5 minutes.⁵ For observers, a time limit of 3 minutes has been proposed.
- Member States may wish to use the option of sending pre-recorded videos of their respective statements (observing the time limits set above). Specific guidelines for the submission of pre-recorded video statements will be issued by the Secretariat in a separate note.

Side Events

- Side events can be organized at the VIC as in-person events or with physical and virtual participation. Guidelines for the organization of side events are available on the GC website. Fully virtual side events can be also organized and hosted from outside the VIC. Side event organizers shall be fully responsible for the organization and arrangements for their side event(s), including any virtual component.

Exhibitions

- Exhibitions will be held at the VIC and will be limited to physical exhibitions only. Guidelines for the organization of exhibitions are available on the GC website, including the submission forms. The deadline to submit an exhibition proposal to the Secretariat is Friday, 30 July 2021.

Scientific Forum

The Scientific Forum will be held as a physical meeting with a possibility of remote connection. Relevant arrangements will be communicated by the Secretariat in a separate note.

⁵ The arrangements would require agreement by the 65th General Conference to modify the General Conference's decision GC(60)/DEC/8 "Streamlining the work of the General Conference". The General Conference agreed at its 64th regular session in 2020 to a time limit of 3 minutes for statements during that session.

IAEA Scientific Forum 2021 Preparing for Zoonotic Outbreaks: the Role of Nuclear Science

21–22 September 2021

IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria

Tentative Programme

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

9:30 – 11:30 **Opening Session**

The Scientific Forum will be opened by IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi followed by statements of invited high-level speakers.

11:30 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00 – 13:30 **Session 1: Techniques for Detecting Pathogens and Monitoring Zoonoses**

The first session will highlight the key role of scientific research and development in understanding and controlling zoonotic diseases and in detecting them at an early stage before they culminate in an outbreak or a pandemic.

13:30 – 14:00 **Session 2: Understanding the Emergence of Infectious Diseases at the Animal-Human Interface**

Human-animal interactions in the context of infectious diseases will be the focus of this session. The pathways through which emerging or re-emerging infections can lead to pandemics will be investigated as well as the role of science in mitigating potential outbreaks of zoonoses.

14:00 – 14:30 **Session 3: The Role of Radiation Techniques in Dealing with the Impact of Zoonoses on Human Health**

This session will showcase the role of radiation techniques, such as medical imaging, for disease characterization in humans affected by zoonotic diseases. The importance of advanced data analysis to support disease management will also be explored.

14:30 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 17:00 **Session 4: From Avian Flu to COVID-19 – the IAEA's Support to Countries**

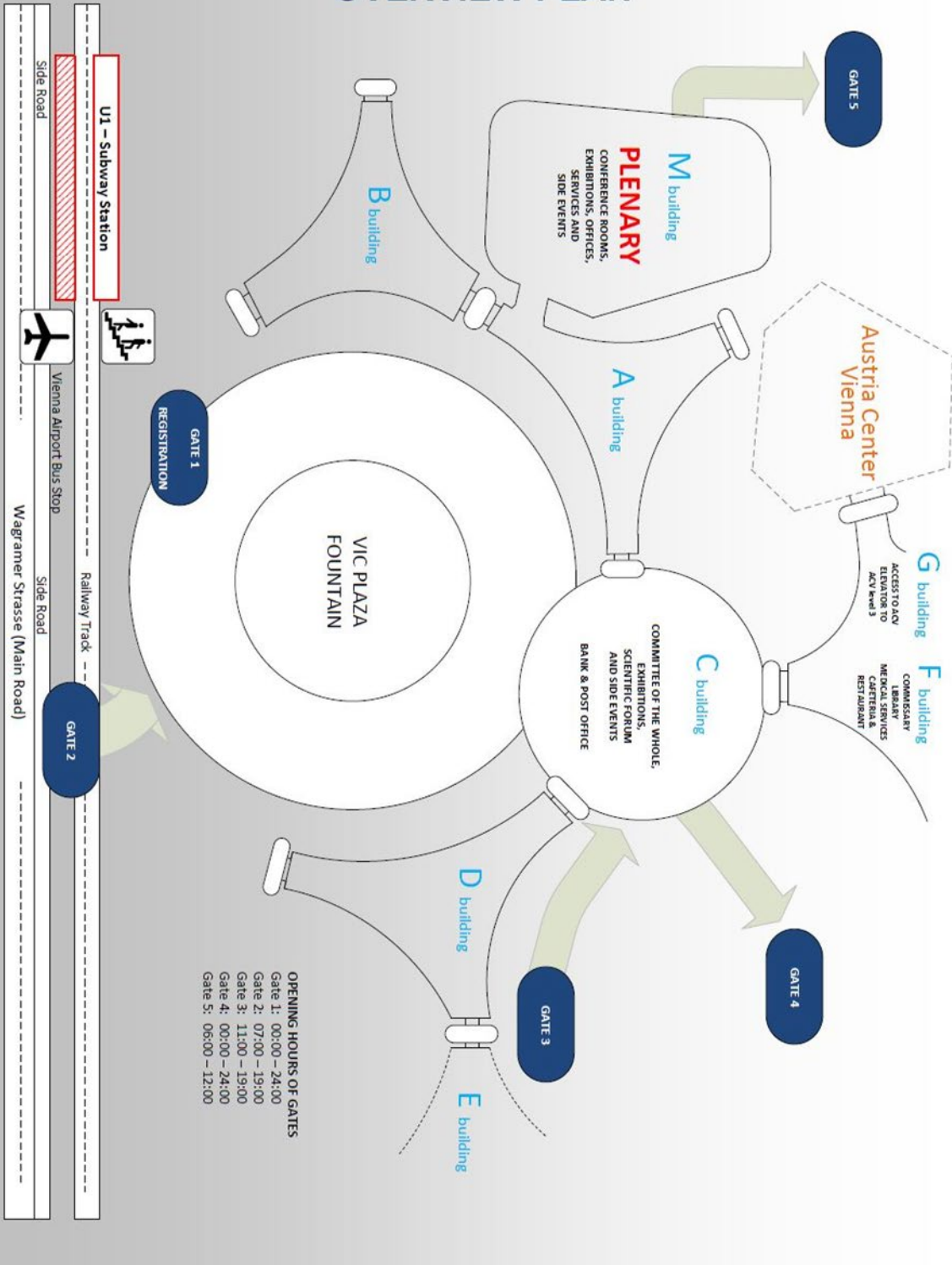
Speakers from Member States will describe their experience in detecting, identifying and managing zoonoses such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1; Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-SARS-CoV-1; Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-MERS; Ebola and currently SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19. Through country case examples, the IAEA's active involvement in supporting disease detection will be featured.

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

9:00 – 11:00 **Session 5: Enhancing Global Preparedness to Control Zoonotic Diseases:
ZODIAC**

This high-level panel session will highlight the importance of partnerships and collaborations with national and international initiatives to strengthen the preparedness and capabilities of Member States to respond to the threats of zoonotic diseases. It will look at the IAEA's Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (ZODIAC) initiative and its systematic and integrated approach to support early detection, and control of outbreaks of zoonotic diseases. Relevant stakeholders will discuss the significance of concerted efforts moving forward and their participation and contribution to ZODIAC.

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