

# iaea mission to romania

Discussions between the Director General, Dr. Sigvard Eklund, and the Romanian State Commission for Nuclear Energy in September had quick results.

A group of five experts accompanied by three staff members of the Agency left Vienna early in November to assist the State Commission in a study of the possibility of setting up an institute in Romania to work on aspects of the applied use of nuclear energy.

At a short ceremony to mark the departure of the group Dr. Eklund recalled his visit, and continued: "We studied the possibility then of the Agency arranging a mission as requested, and I am very happy indeed that the specialists whom we approached were kind enough to make themselves available. Romania has already a considerable programme in the field of nuclear energy; they have perhaps until now concentrated especially on problems concerned with basic science. But from now on they intend to make an effort as well in the applied field — both with regard to nuclear reactors, and with regard to such disciplines as agriculture."

The main task of the mission, he said, would be to study the possibility of erecting a nuclear establishment to work both on development of the use of nuclear power and on subjects in other disciplines.

Replying to the Director General, H.E. Mr. Dumitru Aninoiu, Romanian Ambassador to Austria and Resident Representative to the IAEA, stressed the great importance attached by his country to the establishment of the planned institute. The visit of the mission to Romania was "an expression of fruitful co-operation between my country and the Agency on the one hand, and between Romania and other member States of the Agency on the other."

The five members of the group were Professor Alfred Boettcher, formerly scientific managing director of the Kernforschungsanlage, Jülich, and Dr. Josef Fassbender, of the Jülich centre, Federal Republic of Germany; M. R. Faure, Director of the Cadarache Research Centre, and



Members of the mission to Romania, photographed at a meeting during their visit to that country. From left to right: M. Faure; Mr. Sigurbjornsson; Mr. Rennie, Mr. Cairo; Mr. Fassbender; Mr. Nöjd; M. Rossillon; H.E. Mr. Aninciu, Romanian Ambassador to Austria and Resident Representative to the IAEA; Prof. Ioan Ursu, President of the Romanian State Committee for Nuclear Energy; H.E. Mr. Emil Draganescu, Vice-Chairman of the Romanian Council of Ministers.

M. F. Rossillon, head of the Research Reactor and Technology Department, Grenoble, France; and Mr. Lars Åke Nöjd, deputy managing director of Aktiebolaget Atomenergi, Sweden. They were accompanied by Mr. C.A. Rennie, Director of the IAEA Division of Nuclear Power and Reactors; Mr. Bjorn Sigurbjornsson, of the joint FAO/IAEA Division of Atomic Energy in Food and Agriculture; and Mr. Arturo E. Cairo, of the IAEA Division of Technical Assistance.

## agency privileges and immunities

By mid-November three more Member States had become parties to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The number of parties is now 38.

The new parties are Poland, whose representative deposited an instrument of acceptance of the Agreement on 24 July; Romania, on 7 October; and Greece, on 2 November.