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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

OPENING OF THE THIRTIETH REGULAR SESSION

1. The thirtieth regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 29 September 1986, at 10 a.m. 1/ It will be held in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, in the centre of Vienna.

OPENING OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

2. The regular session of the General Conference will be preceded by a special session of the Conference 2/, which will open on Wednesday, 24 September 1986, at 10 a.m. and which will also be held in the Kongresszentrum in the Neue Hofburg. The special session will be devoted mainly to measures for strengthening international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection.

1/ The provisional agenda for the thirtieth regular session is contained in document GC(XXX)/774.

2/ The provisional agenda for the first special session is contained in document GC(SPL.I)/1.

COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

3. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure 3/ provides for each Member 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 for the special session will be issued on Friday, 12 September 1986, and will contain information communicated to the Secretariat by Tuesday, 9 September 1986. The first list of members of delegations for the regular session will be issued on Friday, 19 September 1986, and will contain information received by the Secretariat by Tuesday, 16 September 1986. Governments are requested to communicate at least the provisional composition of their delegations well in advance, so that the first editions of the lists may be as complete as possible.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES FOR THE SESSIONS

4. Each delegate (but not other delegation members) will require credentials specifically for the sessions, even if he is already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity - for example, as Resident Representative. The delivery of credentials in good time helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee, and it is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General as early as possible, but not later than one week before the sessions start. Credentials should be 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 earlier, delegates should deliver them direct to the Credentials Officers in the Kongresszentrum.

5. It should be noted that separate credentials will be needed for the two sessions - the special session starting on Wednesday, 24 September 1986, and the regular session starting on Monday, 29 September 1986. As draft international agreements may be before the General Conference for adoption by it at its special session, Member States may wish, when issuing credentials for the special session, to empower their representatives to adopt such agreements.

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS FOR THE SESSIONS

6. It is necessary for each delegation to be registered with the Secretariat. This can be done in writing - by letter or by completing the registration form which will be transmitted to Permanent Missions at the beginning of September 1986 and which will also be made available to delegations on arrival in Vienna. Delegations which have not been able to register before Tuesday, 23 September 1986, are urged to register on that day at the Agency's Registration Desk at the Vienna International Centre (VIC). If that proves to be impracticable, delegations can - starting from Wednesday, 24 September 1986 - register at the Registration Desk in the Kongresszentrum.

7. Each participant requires a badge with a photograph for entry into the Kongresszentrum during the sessions. Badges will be issued by the staff at the Registration Desk to those participants who are not in possession of a valid VIC ground pass.

DOCUMENTS

8. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 at the VIC until Tuesday, 23 September 1986, and specify its requirements for documents for the sessions on forms which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the Kongresszentrum starting from Wednesday, 24 September 1986.

9. Before the opening of the sessions, complete sets of the Conference documents already issued for the sessions will be made available to each delegation. All documents produced during the sessions, including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be issued through the Documents Station.

SPEAKERS' LISTS FOR THE SPECIAL AND THE REGULAR SESSION

10. Separate speakers' lists for statements under item 5 of the provisional agenda for the special session (Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection) and for the general debate during the thirtieth regular session will be opened on Thursday, 24 July 1986 at 8 a.m. Requests for inscription on the lists of speakers should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A-2871). The names of delegates will be entered on these lists strictly in the order in which requests are received, except that - in accordance with common international practice - ministers participating in the debates will be given priority.

11. It would be greatly appreciated if the texts of statements to be delivered were handed to the Secretariat in advance. The summary records of the debates will be based on the full statements handed to the Secretariat. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if delegates so request, be made available to other delegates during the sessions. To facilitate the most efficient use of the time available during the two sessions, it would be appreciated if delegates would - if possible - keep the duration of their statements down to 15 minutes at the most.

12. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed in double-space.

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 1987

13. The Board of Governors has set a target of US \$ 34 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1987. 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 4/. 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.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION SEMINAR

14. On Tuesday, 30 September 1986, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a technical co-operation seminar dealing with broad questions concerning the Agency's technical co-operation programme.

SCIENTIFIC AFTERNOON

15. On Wednesday, 1 October 1986, there will be a scientific afternoon on "Decommissioning and Decontamination of Nuclear Facilities for Normal and Unplanned Situations". Specially invited senior experts will give a comprehensive overview of the essential aspects of decommissioning and decontaminating nuclear facilities, including experience from unplanned events like the Three Mile Island accident and the Chernobyl accident. The scientific afternoon will start at 2.30 p.m.

4/ The corresponding document of last year was GC(XXIX)/757.

MEETING OF SENIOR NUCLEAR SAFETY OFFICIALS

16. On Thursday, 2 October 1986, and Friday, 3 October 1986, there will be informal meetings of senior officials on nuclear safety matters of international importance; the results of the informal meetings will be summarized in an open session during the afternoon of 3 October 1986.

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 15 000 in Austrian currency.

RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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