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ADVANCE INFORMATION

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THE SESSION

1. The opening meeting of the session on Tuesday, 26 September 1972 will begin at 4.30 p.m. The session is expected to last for about a week.

ADDRESSES FOR COMMUNICATIONS

2. Letters for delivery at the conference centre of the Secretariat of External Relations where the session will be held should be addressed as follows:

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Atomic Energy Agency
Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores
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Other communications:

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COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

3. Rule 23 of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure [1] 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 will be issued in Mexico City one week before the session opens; it will contain

[1] GC(VII)/INF/60.

information communicated to the Secretariat by Friday, 15 September. Governments are particularly asked to communicate at least the provisional composition of their delegations in good time so that this first edition of the list may be as complete as possible; up to 8 September such communication should be made in Vienna, thereafter in Mexico City.

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 a Resident Representative. In the past a large number of credentials were delivered late, in many cases even after the session had begun; this caused difficulties, particularly for the Credentials Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should reach the Director General not later than 19 September; they must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS

5. It is necessary for each delegation to be registered with the Secretariat, and to facilitate this (as well as to provide information and other assistance if required) the Protocol Office will open in the conference centre on Monday, 11 September. Delegations are invited to register as soon as practicable and are urged, in their own interest, to do so no later than Monday, 25 September.

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1973

6. The Board of Governors has set a target of \$3 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1973. Before the session opens a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged themselves to make [2]. It will be greatly appreciated if Governments will facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their pledges to the Director General immediately they are in a position to do so.

DOCUMENTS

7. The provisional agenda for the session is in document GC(XVI)/478. A number of working documents relating to the various items, as well as information papers for the Conference, have already been issued; others will be circulated as they come off the press in Vienna in the course of the next few weeks, and subsequent documents as they come off the press later in Mexico City.

8. During the session documents may be obtained from the Documents Station in the conference centre, where each delegation will be provided with a distribution box. This will initially contain:

- (a) A handbook of information about the session and a telephone directory;
- (b) One set of the Conference documents already issued;

[2] Compare the corresponding document of last year - GC(XV)/465.

- (c) The first issue of the Conference Journal; and
- (d) A form to request the routine distribution of documents during the session, which the delegation should complete and hand back to the Documents Station.

FACILITIES FOR TRANSLATING, TYPING AND REPRODUCING PAPERS

9. The Agency's Secretariat will translate and reproduce such papers (memoranda, draft resolutions, etc.) as may formally be introduced as Conference documents. In considering what services they are likely to need for the translation, typing or reproduction of other papers, delegations should bear in mind that with its limited staff in Mexico City the Secretariat will be unable to provide much help with such work.

THE WEATHER IN MEXICO CITY

10. Typically the temperature in Mexico City during the second half of September varies between 18 and 22°C during the day and between 14 and 18°C at night. The weather is thus warmer than in Vienna at that time of the year, but it is rather rainy.

CLOTHES

11. Long dresses are frequently worn at receptions. Ladies in particular may also wish to note that the entire conference area is air-conditioned. No official reception is envisaged for which a dinner jacket would be required.

CURRENCY

12. The official rate of exchange is 12.50 Mexican pesos to the United States dollar. The branch of the National Bank of Mexico in the conference centre will change foreign currency, travellers cheques, etc.; they can also be changed at all banks in the city - whose hours of business are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - and at the money-changing desks in the majority of the hotels.

ELECTRICITY

13. Members of delegations intending to take electrical appliances to Mexico will wish to note that the electricity supply is 110 volt, 60 cycles, and that plugs and sockets are of the type used in the United States of America.

TAXIS

14. Special taxis, painted blue and white, will take a passenger from the airport to any point in the Federal District for 25 pesos, or to a point outside the Federal District but within the Metropolitan Zone for 30 pesos. There is a small reduction per passenger if two or more share a taxi.

15. Within the city the fares charged by taxis fitted with meters are reasonable; there are, however, taxis without meters, often stationed outside hotels, which charge a minimum fare of 25 pesos. There are also "collective" taxis, known as "peseros", which take fixed routes and stop at fixed points; they are cheaper than other taxis.

THE WORKING WEEK

16. The five and a half day working week runs from Monday morning to Saturday noon, working hours being from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Most shops, however, remain open until later from Monday to Friday, and on Saturdays until 8 p. m.

GRATUITIES

17. It is understood that it is customary in Mexico to offer gratuities in hotels and restaurants (10% of the bill) and to the drivers of taxis with meters (usually one peso).

TOURS

18. A branch of a travel agency will be installed in the conference centre to provide members of delegations with the usual services; it will also be able to help in arranging visits to places of interest in Mexico City as well as tours elsewhere in the country.