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# PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

#### THE SESSION

1. The fifth regular session of the General Conference, which will open on Tuesday, 26 September 1961, at 10.30 a.m., is expected to last about two weeks; it will be held in the Kongress-Zentrum, Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, Vienna I (telephone: 52 16 87).

#### INFORMATION DESK

2. To provide members of delegations with such information as they may need immediately after their arrival in Vienna, an information desk will open in the entrance hall on Monday, 25 September. A handbook will be obtainable there giving full details of the arrangements for the session. From the desk members of delegations will be directed to the Documents Center, where documents for the session not already received by them may be collected, and to the Protocol Office, which will issue the passes they will need for the Conference.

# CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

3. Each delegate will require credentials specifically for the fifth regular session of the General Conference even if he is already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity, e.g. as a governor or resident representative. They should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and be submitted to the Director General not less than seven days before the opening of the session.[1] In the past a considerable number of credentials were received late, some even after the session had begun. This created difficulties, especially for the Credentials Committee, and it is therefore particularly requested that credentials for the forthcoming session be submitted not later than 19 September.

# NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

4. The time limit referred to in the preceding paragraph also applies to submission to the Director General of the names of persons constituting delegations. In practice this information is needed even earlier if a reasonably complete first edition of the delegation list is to be prepared and ready for delegates and members of their staffs immediately on their arrival in Vienna. Accordingly it would be most helpful if Governments would let the Secretariat know the composition of their respective delegations as soon as possible after 1 September and in any case not later than 19 September. The first edition of the delegates

<sup>[1]</sup> The procedure governing the issue and submission of credentials is set forth in Rule 27 of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure (GC(V)/INF/35).

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list will go to press on 21 September; consequently information that is received after 19 September can only be incorporated in the first revision of the list, which will not be issued until after the session has begun.

#### AGENDA AND DOCUMENTS

- 5. The provisional agenda for the session will be circulated shortly as document GC(V)/152. Documents relating to the various items will be circulated as they come off the press.
- 6. Should any Member State, on or before 27 August 1961, request under Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, the item will, subject to the provisions of Rule 21, be placed on a supplementary list which will be circulated not later than 6 September. In this connection attention is invited to Rule 20, which requires that a proposal for an item shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum and, if possible, by basic documents or by a draft resolution.

# FACILITIES FOR TRANSLATION, TYPING AND REPRODUCTION OF TEXTS

- 7. The Secretariat can only undertake the translation, typing and reproduction of such papers (memoranda, draft resolutions, etc.) as may formally be introduced as part of the work of the General Conference, and will thus become official documents. Some delegations may accordingly foresee a need to make in advance their own arrangements for translation, typing and reproduction, and in this respect the Secretariat is ready to offer what help it can.
- 8. Secretarial service can be engaged and equipment hired directly by delegates from firms in Vienna for short periods though, it is emphasized, a few days' notice may be required. A typist can be engaged for about AS 17[2] an hour or AS 130 a day, and a stenographer for AS 50 an hour. Secretaries who can work in English, French or German can be engaged without much difficulty; those having a knowledge of other languages are not so easily obtainable. A typewriter can be hired for about AS 100 a month or pro rata for a shorter period, and a duplicating machine for approximately AS 175 a week.

# PUBLIC INFORMATION

9. During the session facilities will be provided for the holding of press conferences, for radio and television recordings, and for the distribution of statements to information media.

# HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

10. The Secretariat has no special facilities for obtaining hotel accommodation on a priority basis, and since the session will be held during the tourist season it would be preferable if applications for reservations were made direct to hotels. However, should any Government have difficulties in following this course, the Secretariat will be glad to provide what assistance it can offer; in such cases requests should be addressed without delay, and in any event not later than the first week of August, to the Conference Accommodation Office, International Atomic Energy Agency, Kaerntnerring 11, Vienna I (telegraphic address INATOM VIENNA), giving as much relevant information as possible and in particular stating the type and amount of accommodation required and the period for which it is needed.

<sup>[2]</sup> The unit of currency is the Austrian Schilling. AS 26 equal approximately US \$1.

# MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- 11. Currency. Banknotes of any country, travelers' checks and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction. Departing visitors may take with them the amount of foreign currency or securities they brought into the country, and up to AS 10 000 in Austrian currency.
- 12. The weather. The weather in Vienna during September and October is usually mild with average day temperatures of 15°C (59°F) in September and 9°C (49°F) in October. The difference between day and night temperatures is normally about 10°C (50°F). However day temperatures may rise to 30°C (86°F) and night temperatures fall as low as 1°C (34°F).