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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

THE SESSION

The sixth regular session of the General Conference will open on Tuesday, 18 September 1962, at 10.30 a.m. It is expected to last about two weeks and will be held in the Kongress-Zentrum, Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, Vienna I (telephone: 52 45 25).

INFORMATION DESK

To provide members of delegations with information they may need immediately they arrive in Vienna, an information desk will be open in the entrance hall on Monday, 17 September. It will supply a handbook giving full details of the arrangements for the session. Members of delegations will be directed from the desk first to the Documents Station, where documents for the session they have not already received may be collected, and then to the Protocol Office, which will issue them passes for the Conference.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

Each delegate will require credentials specifically for the sixth regular session 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. It is particularly requested therefore that credentials for the forthcoming session be submitted not later than 11 September.

NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

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 delegations 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

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

the Secretariat know the composition of their respective delegations as soon as possible and in any case not later than 11 September. The first edition of the delegations list will go to press on 12 September and therefore information that is received after that date can only be incorporated in the first revision of the list, which will be issued after the session has begun.

AGENDA AND DOCUMENTS

The provisional agenda for the session will be circulated as document GC(VI)/190. Documents relating to the various items will be circulated as they come off the press.

Should any Member State, on or before 19 August 1962, 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 29 August. In this connection attention is drawn 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

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 thus will become official documents. Should any delegation foresee the need for translating, typing and reproducing other papers in Vienna, it should make its own arrangements for the purpose in advance. The Secretariat will be glad to give it what help it can to do so.

Secretariat service can be engaged, and the necessary equipment hired by delegates directly from firms in Vienna for short periods. A few days' notice may be required. Secretaries who can work in English, French or German can be engaged without much difficulty; those having a knowledge of other languages are less easily obtainable. Stenographers can be engaged for S 50[2] an hour. Typewriters can be hired for about S 100 a month or pro rata for a shorter period, and duplicating machines for approximately S 175 a week.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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. The Secretariat enjoys no special priority facilities for booking hotel accommodation. Since the session will be held during the tourist season applications for reservations should if possible be made directly to hotels. However, should any Government have difficulty in doing this, the Secretariat will be glad to provide what assistance it can: requests should be addressed without delay, and in any event not later than the last week of July, to the Conference Accommodation Office, International Atomic Energy Agency, Kaerntnerring 11, Vienna I (telegraphic address INATOM VIENNA) giving all relevant information, in particular stating the type and amount of accommodation required and the period it is needed for.

^[2] S (Austrian Schilling) 26 equal approximately US \$1.

Currency. Banknotes of any country, travellers cheques and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction. However, since there is not a demand in Austria for all currencies, a few may not be easily saleable. Departing visitors may take with them the amount of foreign currency or securities they brought into the country, and up to S 10 000 in Austrian currency.

<u>The weather</u>. The weather in Vienna during September is usually mild with average day temperatures of $15^{\circ}C$ ($59^{\circ}F$). The difference between day and night temperatures is normally about $10^{\circ}C$ ($18^{\circ}F$). However, day temperatures may rise to $30^{\circ}C$ ($86^{\circ}F$) and night temperatures fall as low as $1^{\circ}C$ ($34^{\circ}F$).

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