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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENTS

GENERAL

1. The purpose of this document is to provide Governments with the first information about the arrangements that are being made for the sixteenth regular session of the General Conference which, it will be recalled, is to begin on Tuesday, 26 September 1972 and is to be held in Mexico City, at the invitation of the Government of Mexico [1]. As further information becomes available it will be communicated to Governments as addenda to this document.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

2. Mexico City is well provided with hotels of all categories and, since September and October are not part of the peak tourist season, there should be no difficulty in obtaining accommodation. The Secretariat is at present investigating various methods of making reservations.

VACCINATION AND INOCULATION

3. The Secretariat is informed that the Mexican quarantine authorities require every person entering the country to produce a valid certificate of vaccination against smallpox and, if he or she has started from or passed through an area in which cholera is prevalent, a valid certificate of inoculation against that disease as well.

VISAS

4. Any Government that does not have an agreement with the Government of Mexico for the waiving of requirements for the entry of its nationals into the country is advised to ascertain from a Mexican diplomatic or consular mission what visa or other special arrangements, if any, will need to be made for members of its delegation. In case of difficulty the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Agency (A-1010 Vienna, Gonzagagasse 2/I/5; telex 075660; telephone 63 59 33) or the Secretariat's Protocol Office (A-1010 Vienna, Kärntner Ring 9-13; telex 12645; telephone 52 45 11 306) is ready to provide help.

^[1] See document GC(XV)/RESOLUTIONS(1971), decision number GC(XV)/DEC/7.

PLACE OF MEETINGS

5. The session will be held in the conference centre of the Secretariat of External Relations. This building is situated in Tlatelolco, in the northern part of Mexico City, a little west of the intersection of the Calzada Nonoalco with the Paseo de la Reforma. It is about 4 kilometres, or some 15 minutes by car, from the principal hotel and shopping area.