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Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the Sixty-First Regular Session

- 1. The sixty-first regular session of the General Conference¹ will open on **Monday, 18 September 2017, at 10.00 a.m**. It will be held in buildings M and C of the Vienna International Centre (VIC).²
- 2. Plenary meetings will be held in the Plenary Hall in the M building (first floor), while meetings of the Committee of the Whole will be held in Board Room C in the C building (fourth floor).
- 3. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10.00 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3.00 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. Evening meetings, as and when they become necessary, will be announced during the session.

B. Pre-Session Consultations

4. During the weekend preceding the opening of the General Conference (Saturday, 16 September, and Sunday, 17 September 2017), meeting facilities for group meetings can be made available on request. Member States are urged to avail themselves of these facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the General Conference opens on Monday, 18 September 2017. This will

¹ The provisional agenda for the sixty-first regular session is contained in document GC(61)/1.

² See attached plan in Annex III.

contribute to the smooth running of the General Conference. Accordingly, Member States should ensure — where necessary — that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting facilities should be reserved, by **Wednesday**, 13 September 2017, at the latest, through the Agency's Conference Services Section. Requests should be submitted by email to GC.Room-Reservations@iaea.org.

C. Registration Process

- 5. Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference³ provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented at the General Conference by one delegate, who may be accompanied by as many alternates, advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.
- 6. Member States are kindly requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance and, if possible, not less than seven days in advance of the session. This should be done through the Agency's General Conference online registration system, available as of **Friday**, **18 August 2017**, at https://gc-registration.iaea.org/. For this purpose, usernames and passwords were assigned and transmitted in the enclosure to the notification letter sent to all Member States on 20 June 2017.
- 7. Each participant attending the General Conference will require a badge with a photograph in order to enter the VIC. Once meeting participants are registered online, UNOV VIC Security Pass Office will send an email notification to the email address provided by the participant, containing a link to upload a photograph or to confirm/exchange an existing photograph in the UN Pass Office database. Participants who have not successfully uploaded their photographs will need to allow for additional time to have their pictures taken and their access badges issued on-site.
- 8. To avoid long queues during the morning of Monday, 18 September, registered participants are strongly encouraged to collect their badges in advance upon presentation of a valid photo ID card at the Registration Desk at Gate 1 on the following days:

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Friday, 15 September 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m. Sunday, 17 September 11.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.
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- 9. In principle, badges should be collected in person. However, collection of pre-printed badges is possible by an authorized person upon presentation of an official letter or note specifying the name of the collector and listing the names of participants whose badges are to be collected. Please note that once collected, badges cannot be returned to the Registration Desk nor reprinted. Should advance collection of badges on Friday, 15 September and Sunday, 17 September not be possible, badges can be collected at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1 as of 7.30 a.m. on Monday, 18 September 2017.
- 10. Participants are reminded that badges must be worn visibly at all times on the premises of the VIC.

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³ Document GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

11. On-site registration will be possible at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1 (upon presentation of an official letter of nomination together with a photo ID) on the following days:

Friday, 15 September 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.
Sunday, 17 September 11.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.
Monday, 18 September 7.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 19 September 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 20 September 9.00 a.m.-12.00 noon

Please allow ample time for security screening and registration.

- 12. Questions regarding the registration process should be addressed by email to GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org.
- 13. Conference participants who require visas to enter Austria are urged to contact the nearest consular representative of Austria and apply for valid entry visas as early as possible. In case visa assistance is needed, such requests should be submitted in a note verbale with the passport details and a clear scanned copy of the relevant pages of the passport to GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org. Please be kindly reminded that only officially registered participants may apply for a visa for Austria.
- 14. Member States are also reminded that, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the cost of attendance at the General Conference of the delegation of each Member State shall be borne by the Member State concerned.
- 15. A provisional list of participants (document GC(61)/INF/3 Unofficial Edition) will be issued on Monday, 18 September 2017, containing information that has been received by the Secretariat by Tuesday, 12 September 2017. A final list of participants (document GC(61)/INF/3) containing information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 will be issued on Friday, 22 September 2017. Member States and organizations will be provided with only one printed copy of the list. The electronic version of the final list of participants will be available on the General Conference website.
- 16. Should changes be required to the particulars of participants provided at the time of registration after issuance of the provisional list of participants, delegations are requested to inform the Protocol Office in room M0E 75 (M building, ground floor), or in writing to GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org, by 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, so that the final list of participants is up to date.

D. Credentials of Delegates

17. Heads of Delegation (but not other members of delegations) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity (for example, as Resident Representative). In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, original credentials issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned should be submitted to the Director General, preferably not later than seven days before the start of the Conference, i.e. **Monday, 11 September 2017**, in order to facilitate the smooth proceeding of the Conference, in particular the work of the General Committee.

- 18. **As of 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, 17 September 2017**, original credentials signed by one of the above-mentioned authorities should be hand delivered to the Credentials Officer (M building, ground floor, room M0E 69). It should be noted that credentials cannot be accepted during registration at Gate 1 of the VIC.
- 19. For any assistance regarding credentials, please contact the Credentials Officer at Credentials@iaea.org.

E. Documents

- 20. In line with the Agency's environmentally friendly and paper-smart concept for the distribution of documents, General Conference documentation will be available electronically at https://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC61/Documents/. Draft resolutions will be available on GovAtom. Delegates are urged to bring a tablet computing device if at all possible and make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. Should the use of electronic versions not be practical or possible, hard copies can be obtained, upon request, at the Documents Counter near the Plenary Hall (M building, first floor), or at the Documents Counter near Board Room C (C building, fourth floor).
- 21. The Conference Handbook, which contains the weekly programme and additional useful information, will be issued only once, during the week preceding the General Conference, and will be available online as well as at Information Desks and at the Documents Counter in the M building (first floor). Daily summaries of meetings will be made available online. A daily schedule of events will also be available online and in printed form at the Information Desks and Documents Counters; all events will also be displayed on the monitors throughout the M and C buildings.
- 22. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the text **as early as possible** to the Conference Secretary or the Secretary of the Committee of the Whole (Mr Austin McGill, email: A.J.McGill@iaea.org or SEC-PMO.Contact-Point@iaea.org). This will greatly facilitate the conduct of business, particularly in the Committee of the Whole, which normally has to consider and make recommendations on a large number of draft resolutions.

F. Speakers in the General Debate

23. Until the beginning of the General Conference's session on Monday, 18 September 2017, requests for inscription in the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-Making Organs (Ms María Bermúdez-Samiei, room A2869, ext. 22708, email M.Bermudez-Samiei@iaea.org or GC-Speakers-List@iaea.org). As Member States were informed through document GC(61)/INF/1, issued on 15 May 2017, inscription in the list of speakers started on 20 June 2017; a ballot was taken at 11 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States whose representatives had — between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — made a request for inscription in the list. Member States requesting, after that

⁴ This procedure was approved by the General Conference in 1989.

time, inscription in the list are being added in the order in which they make their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

24. Any delegates who have not yet inscribed their names on the list by the beginning of the General Conference but wish to deliver a statement in the general debate are requested to contact the Speakers' List Assistants, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall (M building, first floor). Delegates wishing to speak on other items at plenary meetings should also contact the Speakers' List Assistants.

G. Statements in the General Debate

- 25. As part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, the Conference in 2016 decided to change the time limit on statements during the general debate from 15 minutes to 7 minutes for representatives of all Member States and observers as of the sixty-first regular session of the General Conference.
- 26. The general debate usually extends over four days. With a view to making the best use of the time available during the sixty-first regular session, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements.
- 27. To facilitate interpretation and public distribution of statements in the general debate, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed in advance to the Statements Desk located in the Plenary Hall. The name/rank of the person **delivering** the statement should be clearly marked on the cover/first page of the statement.
- 28. All statements, as received at the Statements Desk in the Plenary Hall (M building, first floor), will be made available on the Agency's website http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC61/Statements in PDF and audio-video format, unless the distribution of a statement is restricted by the Member State. In such cases, this should be clearly marked on the statement. Hard copies of all Plenary statements (in the original language and as delivered to the Statements Desk in the Plenary Hall) can also be made available to Member States upon request at the Delegation Assistance Office (M building, ground floor, room M0E 23). For uploading purposes, statements should be clean versions, free of any handwriting or crossed-out text. It should be noted that only the orally delivered statements will be included in the official records of the General Conference.

H. Working Languages and Interpretation

- 29. The working languages of the General Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages during the formal meetings of the General Conference will be interpreted simultaneously into the other working languages. Delegates are asked to provide the Secretariat with a written text of their statement in advance, in both PDF and Word formats, in one of the working languages.
- 30. If delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, in accordance with Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages and inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

I. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues

- 31. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 13 June 2017 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of €85 665 000 for Member States' contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2018, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2018) was issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States to the TCF before or during the General Conference.
- 32. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the technical cooperation (TC) cycle and TC activities for the year ahead. During the upcoming regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Member States have pledged.⁵ As this document will be updated during the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States would facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their Governments' pledges as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Unit staff, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall (M building, first floor), and who will arrange for the updated status of pledges to the TCF for 2018.
- 33. Contributions Unit staff will also be available in room M0E 67 (M building, ground floor), ext. 21350, to discuss Regular Budget contributions, contributions to the TCF and extrabudgetary contributions, as well as to respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights. The opening hours of the Contributions Unit office will be from **Monday, 18 September** until **Thursday, 21 September 2017**, from 8.00 a.m. until 7.00 p.m., and on **Friday, 22 September 2017**, from 8.00 a.m. until close of the Plenary.

J. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the Conference

- 34. The objective of the Scientific Forum is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues related to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum, which takes place from **Tuesday**, 19 September to Wednesday, 20 September 2017, will be on the theme **Nuclear Techniques in Human Health: Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment**. The tentative programme is provided in Annex I to this document. All sessions will take place in Board Room D, C building, fourth floor.
- 35. Discussions will be conducted in English only.
- 36. Registration should be made via the participation form available on the Scientific Forum website http://www-pub.iaea.org/iaeameetings/50817/Scientific-Forum.

⁵ The corresponding documents in 2016 were GC(60)/17, GC(60)/17/Corr.1, GC(60)/17/Rev.1 and GC(60)/17/Rev.2.

K. Technical Cooperation Meetings

37. There will be meetings of the representatives of the AFRA, ARASIA, ARCAL and RCA cooperative agreements, as well as of the representatives of Member States from the Europe region.

38. The timetable and locations of the meetings are as follows:

RCA: Friday, 15 September 2017, Conference Room M6, 8.30 a.m.–5.30 p.m.

M building, ground floor

ARASIA: Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Conference Room M6, 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.

M building, ground floor

ARCAL: Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Conference Room M6, 2.00 p.m.–3.30 p.m.

M building, ground floor

AFRA: Wednesday, 20 September 2017, Conference Room 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.

M6, M building, ground floor

TC Europe Thursday, 21 September 2017, Conference Room 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m.

Region Meeting: M4, M building, ground floor

39. Consultations with the representatives of Member States engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Agency will be held prior to the General Conference sessions. For delegations present in Vienna only during the week of the General Conference, and for specific issues or special problems, meetings will be arranged during that week.

L. Senior Regulators' Meeting

- 40. Heads of regulatory authorities and other senior regulatory officials in the fields of nuclear, radiation, transport and radioactive waste safety and nuclear security will exchange information on their regulatory challenges and share good practices in addressing these challenges, and will identify areas in which the IAEA's initiatives may support the regulatory bodies in addressing these challenges. The event will be held on **Thursday**, 21 September 2017, from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. The provisional programme of the meeting is provided in Annex II to this document.
- 41. The meeting will take place in **Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor**. Further information may be obtained from the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (Mr Dominique Delattre, tel.:+43 (1) 2600-22696; email: <u>D.Delattre@iaea.org</u>).
- 42. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

M. International Nuclear Safety Group Forum

- 43. The 2017 International Nuclear Safety Group (INSAG) Forum will be conducted as a round-table discussion. The Forum will provide insights from INSAG and other experts on current nuclear safety issues.
- 44. The Forum will take place on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

N. Visits Organized in Conjunction with the Conference

N.1. Visits to the Isotope Hydrology Laboratory

45. On Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., delegates (or persons designated

by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Isotope Hydrology Laboratory, which is part of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications and is situated within the Vienna International Centre. The laboratory provides analytical support to the IAEA's water resources programme, training for scientists from Member States and quality assurance services to isotope hydrology laboratories worldwide. It also develops hydrology laboratory instruments for transfer to Member States.

46. The assembly point is the Information Desk at the entrance to M building, at **1.50 p.m.**

N.2. Tour of the Incident and Emergency Centre: Gain Insights into the IAEA's Emergency Preparedness and Response Arrangements

- 47. On Tuesday, 19 September 2017 and on Thursday, 21 September 2017 from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m., delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC), which is situated within the VIC. The IAEA Incident and Emergency Centre is the global focal point of emergency preparedness and response for nuclear or radiological emergencies. This tour will provide an insight into its operations and capabilities.
- 48. The assembly point is the Information Desk at the M building entrance, ground floor, at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, and on Thursday, 21 September 2017. The planned duration of each visit is one hour.

N.3. Tour of Safeguards Equipment Laboratories at IAEA Headquarters

- 49. On Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Wednesday, 20 September 2017, and Thursday, 21 September 2017, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the safeguards equipment laboratories of the Department of Safeguards, which are located in the VIC. Tour participants will see a range of technologies used in safeguards implementation, including non-destructive assay equipment, seals and other tamper indicating devices, and containment and surveillance systems.
- 50. The assembly point for delegates is the Information Desk at the entrance to M building. Due to space constraints, a maximum of 25 visitors can visit the laboratories each day

N.4. Visits to the IAEA's Laboratories in Seibersdorf

- 51. On Wednesday, 20 September, and Thursday, 21 September 2017, delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the IAEA's laboratories in Seibersdorf. On Wednesday, the focus of the visit will be the Seibersdorf laboratories of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, and on Thursday, the visit will feature the Office of Safeguards Analytical Services of the Department of Safeguards. Information on all laboratories will be available to visitors on both days.
- 52. Registration for either visit may be made by 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 19 September 2017. The assembly point for the visit is the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor, at 8.50 a.m., on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, or Thursday, 21 September 2017. The visitors will return to the VIC each day at approximately 1.00 p.m.

O. Events Organized and/or Co-sponsored by the Agency's Secretariat in Conjunction with the Conference's Session⁶

O.1. ReNuAL/ ReNuAL + Event: Unveiling of Donor Wall

53. The Director General will unveil a wall recognizing the donors to the Renovation of the Nuclear Applications Laboratories (ReNuAL) and ReNuAL+ projects in the presence of the Friends of ReNuAL co-chairs. A slideshow will demonstrate construction progress. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. at the entrance to M building leading to A building.

O.2. 20th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management

54. This event will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Joint Convention, which took place on 5 September 1997. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

O.3. Treaty Event

55. The Treaty Event aims to promote universal adherence to the multilateral treaties for which the Director General of the IAEA is depositary, notably those related to nuclear safety and security as well as to civil liability for nuclear damage. In this respect, as was the case in previous years, the Event provides an additional opportunity to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

⁶ Further information on events being organized in conjunction with the Conference's session will be included in the Conference Handbook. All events will also be announced daily on the monitors in the M building and in the daily schedule of events (see para. 23).

56. The Treaty Event this year will have a special focus on the Convention on Nuclear Safety and the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, and on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 68, M building, ground floor.

O.4. Radiation Risk Assessment and Risk Perception in Medical Imaging

57. This event will provide a brief overview of the methodologies for risk assessment associated with medical procedures and the perception of its magnitude and significance. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

O.5. The Added Value of Gender Parity at the IAEA

58. A panel discussion will be moderated by the Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Management to explore the value of diverse teams; how diverse teams have changed the way we think and work in scientific/engineering fields; and examples of best practice and innovative ideas from a Member State perspective. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. in the VIC Restaurant, F building, ground floor.

O.6. Nuclear Operators Forum: Challenges in Human Resources Management for Sustainable Nuclear Power Generation

59. This year's Forum will discuss human resources challenges and necessary actions to support the future of nuclear energy, including building and maintaining the workforce, economic challenges and new ways of learning. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

O.7. Faces of Safeguards

60. The Department of Safeguards will make six short presentations during the week of the General Conference on different aspects of safeguards implementation, highlighting the many different 'Faces of Safeguards'. Topics to be featured are: environmental sampling; satellite imagery analysis; State declaration processing; gamma tomography for spent fuel verification; novel technologies to assist IAEA inspectors; and in-field activity planning, reporting, and review. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Wednesday 20 September 2017 and on Thursday, 21 September 2017, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., and from 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in M0E Presentation area, M building, ground floor.

O.8. Qualified Technical Centres for the Management of Disused Sealed Radioactive Sources

61. This event will give an update on the Qualified Technical Centres concept for the long term management of disused sealed radioactive sources in Member States. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

O.9. Nuclear High Temperature Heat for Industrial Processes

62. This event will highlight the IAEA's activities in the field of non-electric applications of nuclear power. It will showcase demonstration projects planned by Member States. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

O.10. Recruitment at the IAEA – Assessing Talent

63. This event will give an overview of recruitment initiatives focusing on candidate experience and on initiatives planned in the coming period, including talent pipelines. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 03, M building, ground floor.

O.11. Multi-unit Probabilistic Safety Assessment – Challenges Related to Risk Assessment

64. At this event, high level representatives, experts and IAEA staff will make presentations and discuss the risk assessment of multi-unit sites. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

O.12. Nuclear Energy Innovation and the Paris Agreement

65. This event will present roadmaps for nuclear energy innovation linked to nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to the global response to climate change. It will cover enabling conditions for research and development, the regulatory framework and infrastructure to support Member States' NDC updates from 2020 to 2050. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, **19 September 2017**, **from 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Conference Room C4**, **C building**, **seventh floor**.

O.13. Decommissioning: Education and Training

66. This event will highlight the IAEA's training activities as well as its collaboration with the European Commission to improve the coordination of training activities in Europe. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

O.14. Nuclear Security e-Learning: Enhancing States' Capacity to Strengthen a Global Response to a Global Threat

67. The objective of this event is to showcase the suite of IAEA nuclear security e-learning modules and to engage a wide range of users in an interactive and hands-on presentation, including a quiz and demonstration of different modules. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

O.15. Climate Proofing Rice Production Systems (CRiPS): how the IAEA is working in Climate Change Adaptation

68. This roundtable discussion would showcase the past 5 years of work involving the crop of rice, which has greatly been affected by climate change impacts of flood and drought specifically within the Asia and the Pacific region. The event will be held **on Wednesday**, **20 September 2017**, **from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room M7**, M building, ground floor.

O.16. Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network Plenary – Capacity Building and International School of Leadership for Safety

69. The objective of the plenary meeting is to discuss with Member States the importance of nuclear safety knowledge management and capacity building for establishing a robust nuclear safety infrastructure. Member States will also report on lessons learned and challenges in developing resilient safety systems. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Conference Room M5, M building, ground floor.

O.17. 2017 ConvEx-3 Exercise: Enhancing Emergency Preparedness and Response during the IAEA's Largest International Emergency Exercise

70. This event, organized by the IAEA Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC), will give an insight into the preparations, conduct and outcomes of the large-scale ConvEx-3 exercise held in June 2017. The 36+ hour ConvEx-3 involved over 80 Member States and 11 international organizations. Representatives from Hungary, which developed the emergency exercise scenario, will describe their national response activities while the IEC will present some of the immediate lessons learned regarding the international response arrangements. The event will be held on **Wednesday**, 20 September 2017, from 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

O.18. Overview of Safeguards Implementation

71. The Department of Safeguards will provide an overview of safeguards implementation, describing the various verification activities carried out in the field and at Headquarters. These would include review of documentation, nuclear material measurements, monitoring, containment and surveillance, and the verification of facility design characteristics. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

O.19. Future of Nuclear Energy: Engaging the Young Generation

72. This event will present the IAEA's programmes for the education and training of a new generation of nuclear professionals. It will feature the annual European Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering (EMSNE) award ceremony. The event will be held on **Wednesday**, 20 September 2017, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C3, C building, seventh floor.

O.20. Monitoring contaminants for safer seafood

73. This event will provide an overview of techniques to monitor biotoxins in harmful algal blooms and contaminants like mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls and plastics in our oceans and in seafood. The event will be held on Thursday, 21 September 2017, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

O.21. Neuropsychiatry: The Revolution of Molecular Imaging in Alzheimer's Disease

74. This event will look at the rapid progress of functional and structural brain imaging and the vital role the latter plays in the differential diagnosis of dementia, early recognition of progressive dementia, and monitoring of disease progression and treatment effect. The event will be held on Thursday, 21 September 2017, from 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

O.22. Molybdenum-99/Technetium-99m: Current Supply Scenario, New Alternatives for their Production and the Role of the IAEA

75. This event will outline the current supply scenario of molybdenum-99, the alternative production routes for molybdenum-99 and technetium-99m and the role of the IAEA in supporting Member States to improve national production capacity. The event will be held on **Thursday**, **21 September 2017**, from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

O.23. Regulatory Cooperation Forum Plenary

76. At the Regulatory Cooperation Forum (RCF) Plenary in 2017, RCF members and non-members will share experience and knowledge in regulatory infrastructure development. The event will be held on Friday, 22 September 2017, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

O.24. In Touch

77. At this event, the InTouch+ platform will be presented and support will be provided in response to queries on the platform. The event will be held on Friday, 22 September 2017, from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Conference Room M6, M building, ground floor.

P. Events Organized by Member States in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

P.1. Building Capacity and Capability to De-risk Nuclear Programmes: Experience of the United Kingdom

78. This event will highlight how the United Kingdom has enhanced its capacity and capability to implement major nuclear new build and ongoing decommissioning programmes and how this can benefit other countries. This event is organized by the United Kingdom. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

P.2. Nuclear Waste Management – Pioneering Solutions from Finland

79. This event will present the approach Finland has taken in planning and implementing nuclear waste management. This event is organized by Finland. The event will be held **on Monday**, 18 September 2017, from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Conference Room M5, M building, ground floor.

P.3. Creation of National Centres of Nuclear Science and Technologies: New Rosatom Activity for Support

80. Specialists from the Russian Federation will provide presentations on current Russian projects for establishing national Centres for Nuclear Science and Technologies in developing countries. This event is organized by the Russian Federation. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 79, M building, ground floor.

P.4. SCK•CEN becomes an IAEA-designated International Centre based on Research Reactor

81. The Belgian Nuclear Research Centre (SCK•CEN) has a history of providing access to other Member States to its research reactors, ancillary facilities and Academy for Nuclear Science and Technology. This event will mark it becoming an IAEA-designated International Centre based on Research Reactor (ICERR). This event is organized by Belgium. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room M4, M building, ground floor.

P.5. What has been Achieved in Fukushima Decontamination & Decommissioning until Today: Where do we Stand?

82. This event will showcase what has been done in Fukushima with regard to decontamination and decommissioning and will explore how world nuclear communities could upgrade their support for safer, more effective and accelerated progress in these areas. This event is organized by Japan. The event will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

P.6. Plasma Treatment of Radioactive Waste – Startup of the Kozloduy NPP Plasma Facility

83. This event will present plasma technology as a single process solution for treating solid organic and inorganic radioactive and problematic chemical waste, based on the startup of the plasma facility at Kozloduy nuclear power plant. This event is organized by Belgium. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Meeting Room M0E 03, M building, ground floor.

P.7. Annual Plenary Meeting of the Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa

84. Representatives of African Member States that have established an operational regulatory infrastructure for radiation safety and security will meet under the auspices of this regional network in order to plan activities and projects aimed at enhancing nuclear and radiation safety and security in Africa and at improving the governance of the Network. This event is organized by Cameroon. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room M5, M building, ground floor.

P.8. 20 years of the Ibero-American Forum of Radiological and Nuclear Regulatory Agencies: Enhancing Nuclear and Radiation Safety and Security through Regional and International Cooperation

85. This event will present achievements in the strengthening of regulatory bodies as a result of the cooperation between FORO and the IAEA and identify possible lines of further collaboration among associations and networks. This event is organized by FORO. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room C5, C building, seventh floor.

P.9. Hinkley Point C: France and the UK Fast-Forward European Nuclear Power in the 21st Century

86. France and the United Kingdom will present the Hinkley Point C programme, including an overview of the project, innovative financial schemes, capacity building, public acceptance and

stakeholder involvement. This event is organized by France and the United Kingdom. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 79, M building, ground floor.

P.10. International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

87. This event will commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. This event is organized by the Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in M02 Foyer, M building, second floor.

P.11. Enhancing the Safe Use of Radiation in Health Care and Cancer Management in the United Arab Emirates

88. The United Arab Emirates will highlights its efforts in partnership with the IAEA to enhance the safety of radiation use in health care, and the protection of patients, medical professionals and the environment from overexposure to radiation. Through intensive training and awareness-raising, radiation protection principles are now applied in most hospitals in the United Arab Emirates. This event is organized by the United Arab Emirates. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, **19 September 2017**, **from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in Conference Room M7**, **M building**, **ground floor**.

P.12. Nuclear in Clean Energy and Mission Innovation Efforts: Building Partnerships for the Future

89. This event will convene international partners to discuss how nuclear collaboration could be formalized through the Mission Innovation and Clean Energy Ministerial initiatives. This event is organized by Canada. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 05, M building, ground floor.

P.13. International Peer Review of the SOGIN Decommissioning and Radioactive Waste Management Programme

90. This event will showcase the results of the Integrated Review Service for Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel Management, Decommissioning and Remediation (ARTEMIS) peer review requested by SOGIN on its decommissioning and radioactive waste management programme in Italy. In addition, a bust of Enrico Fermi will be donated to the IAEA. This event is organized by Italy. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Conference Room M4, M building, ground floor.

P.14. Synergy of Advanced and Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Renewable Sources of Electricity

91. Specialists from the Russian Federation and invited countries will provide presentations on current prospects for the realization of new nuclear reactor systems in synergetic combination with renewables. This event is organized by the Russian Federation. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 79, M building, ground floor.

P.15. Opening of the IAEA Low Enriched Uranium Bank in Kazakhstan and IAEA participation in EXPO-2017

92. This event will commemorate the opening of the IAEA Low Enriched Uranium Bank Storage Facility in Kazakhstan and the IAEA's participation on EXPO-2017 in Astana. This event is organized by Kazakhstan. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, 19 September 2017 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in M01 Foyer, M building, first floor.

P.16. IAEA Additional Protocol: 20 Years and Beyond

93. This event will highlight the contributions of the additional protocol to strengthened safeguards, and aims to promote understanding by sharing experiences in additional protocol finalization, implementation and efforts for universalization. This event is organized by Japan. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room M7, M building, ground floor.

P.17. Nuclear Energy Development in China

94. This event will showcase the latest nuclear energy developments in China and explore opportunities to further strengthening cooperation with the IAEA and other Member States and to contributing to safe and secure nuclear energy development in the world. This event is organized by China. The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C1, C building, second floor.

P.18. Applying Small Modular Reactor Technology: "More than just a User"

95. This event will focus on prospects and challenges for a country that wants greater involvement in the research and development of small modular reactor technology, and the role of cooperation including on regulatory and fuel cycle aspects. This event is organized by Indonesia. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Meeting Room M0E 79, M building, ground floor.

P.19. Friends of Nuclear Energy on Supporting Nuclear Power Development

96. At this event, presentations will be made by several Member States on supporting nuclear power development. This event is organized by France. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

P.20. Towards the International Symposium on Highly Enriched Uranium Minimization in Oslo in June 2018

97. In June 2018, Norway will host the 3rd international symposium on highly enriched uranium (HEU) minimization, organized in cooperation with the IAEA. This event will present the symposium together with new advances in research reactor conversion, HEU removal and disposal, and isotope production. This event is organized by Norway. This side event will be held on **Wednesday**, 20 September 2017, from 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room M4, M building, ground floor.

P.21. Managing the Nuclear Clock from Emergency to Future Generations: French Views for Nuclear Programmes

98. France will present stories and innovative visions to manage time scales in the nuclear field to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, including on digital revolution, addressing an emergency situation, ageing of reactors and dismantling. This event is organized by France. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C4, C building, seventh floor.

P.22. Indonesia: Regional Capacity Building Initiative — Promoting Capacity Building through Resource Mobilization

99. The regional capacity building initiative is a Member State-driven platform to promote a regional approach to capacity building in the Asia and the Pacific region for the application of nuclear science and technology. This event is organized by Indonesia. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 79, M building, ground floor.

P.23. Effective Partnerships for Nuclear Safety and Security in the Arab Region

100. The Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR) is a regional safety network which was established in January 2010 with the purpose of strengthening and harmonizing the regulatory infrastructure in Arab countries as well as exchanging regulatory knowledge and experiences with other international and regional networks under the IAEA Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network. This meeting will present the status of ANNuR's activities and plans as well as of the support provided by its partners. This event is organized by Tunisia. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Conference Room M5, M building, ground floor.

P.24. Italy's Contribution to International Projects on Innovative Nuclear Technologies

101. This event will present the Italian experience in managing a framework of public and private parties in support of ongoing international projects regarding innovative nuclear reactors and fusion energy. This event is organized by Italy. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 03, M building, ground floor.

P.25. Report on Policies, Technology Options and the Future of Nuclear Power by the Chinese and French Academies

102. This event will present a joint report by the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Technologies of France and the French Academy of Sciences on policies and technology options for nuclear power as part of a future energy mix. This event is organized by China and France. The event will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room M4, M building, ground floor.

Q. Exhibits and Displays

103. Information on exhibits and displays by Member States, organizations and the Secretariat will be included in the Conference Handbook.

R. Information Technology Services

R.1. IT Service Desk

104. For the duration of the General Conference, the Agency's Division of Information Technology's Customer Services Section will provide IT Service Desk assistance in room M0E 24, M building, ground floor, extension 27222.

R.2. External Email and Internet Services

- 105. Internet Corners are available on the ground floor of the M building for delegates wishing to access the Internet and email.
- 106. A virus scanning kiosk for screening portable devices for viruses and malware will be available in room M0E 24, M building, ground floor.
- 107. Delegates wishing to use their private notebooks, smartphones or, tablets with wireless capability will be able to access high-speed wireless internet throughout the M and C buildings by connecting to the free Wi-Fi network "WLAN-GUEST". Use of the wireless network is subject to the IAEA Guest Wireless Network Acceptable Use Policy (http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC61/WirelessNetwork/).

R.3. Delegation Assistance Office

108. A secretarial service will be provided to assist Member State delegations with formatting and editing, photocopying, scanning and obtaining hardcopies of online documents and Plenary statements. The service is located in room M0E 23, M building, ground floor.

R.4. Live Video Streaming

109. Plenary sessions as well as the Scientific Forum will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the Agency's website: http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC61/LiveStreaming.

S. General Information

S.1. VIC Entry for Official Cars

110. The arrangements for access to the VIC for delegations' cars⁷ are outlined in the attached plan "Delegations' Entry and Drop-Off Points". During the General Conference, the cars of Permanent Missions and of Permanent Mission staff registered with the VIC Garage Administration can be parked as usual in the VIC. Due to limited parking space at the VIC, additional chauffeured cars will be allowed entry for drop-off and pick-up only, once the necessary information, i.e. name of the driver, car make and licence plate number, has been communicated through a note verbale to the Secretariat (GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org) by Monday, 11 September 2017 at the latest. UN Security and Safety Service staff will grant access at Gate 2 after cross-checking the data and upon presentation of a valid photo ID by the driver. Additionally, red entry cards (which can be downloaded at http://www-pub.iaea.org/mtcd/meetings/drop-off-and-pick-up-only2017.pdf) should be visibly displayed on the dashboard of these cars. The drivers of these cars will not be allowed to leave the cars unattended.

111. Paid parking is available at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), adjoining the VIC.

S.2. VIC Commissary

112. Access to the Commissary is limited to holders of an access card validated for Commissary access. In accordance with the relevant agreement between the Agency and the Republic of Austria, the **Heads of Delegation** of Member States participating in the General Conference — Austrian nationals and stateless persons resident in Austria excluded — are entitled to Commissary access for the duration of the Conference's session. Such Commissary access is embedded in the conference badge, and will need to be activated at the Commissary Information Desk/Service Point. If the Head of Delegation departs before the end of the Conference, Commissary access will be deactivated upon departure and subsequently activated for the duly designated new Head of Delegation upon notification being provided to the Protocol Office by official email (GCRS.Contact-Point@iaea.org), and issuance of a new badge by UN Security and Safety Service staff at Gate 1 (Pass Office). Any additional questions in this connection should be directed to the Protocol Office.

S.3. Access between the VIC and the ACV

113. Due to a large congress being held at the ACV, conflicting with the dates of the General Conference, the connecting doors between the ACV and the M building will remain closed. Some delegations have rented offices on the third floor of the ACV, with access only granted via the VIC. Therefore, the VIC/ACV entrance on the fourth floor in the G building will be open to facilitate access to members of delegations from Member States that have rented offices at the ACV. The opening hours for the VIC/ACV entrance on the fourth floor, G building, are as follows:

Sunday, 17 September 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Monday, 18 September, to

Friday, 22 September 8.00 a.m. until one hour after the end of meetings.

⁷ See attached plan in Annex IV.

S.4. IAEA Conferences and Meetings App

114. Participants are invited to download the IAEA Conferences and Meetings app available through Google Play and the iTunes Store. The app features the General Conference, the Scientific Forum and all General Conference side events.

The app allows participants to:

- put together a personalized schedule and view up-to-date programme information of all General Conference related events;
- receive updates on the Plenary speakers' list and the starting times of Plenary and Committee of the Whole sessions; and
- view PowerPoint presentations of those speakers who have permitted their release after the presentation.

For assistance on the app, please contact staff at the Information Desks.

S.5. Non-Smoking Policy at the VIC

- 115. Smoking in the VIC is restricted to designated smoking shelters at the following P-3 level locations:
 - i. The designated smoking shelter between Towers A and B;
 - ii. The designated smoking shelter in front of Tower D; and
 - iii. The designated smoking shelter between Towers D and E.
- 116. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not permitted in any other area of the VIC, including terraces, the Memorial Plaza and all other open spaces.



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Nuclear Techniques in Human Health: Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment

19–20 September 2017 IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria

Tentative Programme

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

09:30-10:30 Introduction

10:30–12:30 Session 1: Preventing disease through better nutrition

The first session will highlight the vital role that nutrition plays in preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs). In a world where undernutrition and obesity coexist, it is important to define targeted actions to combat all forms of malnutrition. Through the use of nuclear and isotopic techniques, health professionals are able to develop and evaluate actions to address undernutrition, obesity and the related risks of NCDs simultaneously. In addition, these techniques can help understand the impact of environmental factors on child growth and human health. The session will also highlight new trends in medical imaging to better assess nutritional status.

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 Session 2: Looking beyond the visible: New frontiers in diagnostic techniques

The second session will present cutting-edge clinical applications and technologies, including the use of nuclear techniques to identify disease in its early stages, and to assess the location and spread of disease in the body as well as patients' response to medical therapy. The integral role of nuclear technology in the medical diagnosis of NCDs such as cancer and cardiovascular, infectious and neurological diseases, including dementia, will be discussed. Furthermore, the session will illustrate how technologies have evolved to allow for personalized health care through medical imaging.

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 Session 3: Addressing implementation challenges in countries

The third session will emphasize the various challenges that countries face in ensuring the safe use of nuclear medicine for the early detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. The impact of new medical technologies on health expenditure budgets will also be considered, as will countries' different needs in this area. Additionally, the different levels of diagnostic services available to countries — from basic infrastructure to intermediate and advanced services — will be explored. This session will also highlight the use of data to support decision-making in cancer care.

17:30 Reception

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

09:30–11:00 Session 4: (Part I) Radiotherapy – Saving and improving quality of life of cancer patients through new approaches

The fourth session will explore the use of radiotherapy to treat cancer, highlighting the importance of a multidisciplinary approach for optimal patient management. It will also look at the future of radiotherapy, including personalized treatment and the latest technological innovations to improve patient care.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Session 4: (Part II) Radiotherapy – Saving and improving quality of life of cancer patients through new approaches

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:30 Session 5: Ensuring quality and safety

The fifth session will focus on quality and safety aspects in all disciplines of radiation medicine, in order to ensure that patients get the best possible outcome. Issues such as the need for peer reviews, clinical audits and quantification of performance will be explored. This session will also review the requirements for quality and safety in imaging and therapy, and the challenges that countries may face in implementing these, as well as examples of successful IAEA projects to assist in this respect.

16:30–17:00 Forum close by the Director General (or a representative)

THE 61st REGULAR SESSION OF THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 21 September 2017

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 21 September						
09:00-09:15	Opening remarks					
	Session I: The Role of the Nuclear Regulatory Body within the National Nuclear Security Regime as it Relates to Material out of Regulatory Control					
09:15-09:30	Introductory remarks					
09:30-09:45	IAEA perspective Overview of the nuclear security regime as it relates to material out of regulatory control					
09:45-11:00	Panel discussion Main challenges in establishing the role of the nuclear regulatory body in the nuclear security regime as it relates to material out of regulatory control					
11:00–11:15	Chairperson's summary of Session I					
11:15–11:45	Coffee Break					
	Session II: Regulating New and Complex Medical Applications					
11:45–12:00	Introductory remarks					
12:00-12:20	IAEA perspective Overview of the current global regulatory status of medical uses of radiation					
12:20-13:00	 Member States' perspectives Steps in the introduction of new medical applications and related equipment Experience feedback from the successful introduction of hybrid imaging 					
13:00–13:15	Chairperson's summary of Session II					
13:15–14:15	Lunch Break					

	Session III: Leadership and Culture for Safety: Challenges for the Regulator				
14:15–14:30	Introductory remarks				
14:30–15:00	IAEA perspective Leadership and culture for safety in regulatory bodies: feedback and observations from IAEA missions				
15:00-16:00	Member States' perspectives Recent developments in leadership and culture for safety in the regulatory body				
16:00–16:15	Chairperson's summary of Session III				
16:15–16:30	Coffee Break				
16:30–17:15	Session IV: Launch of the IAEA Nuclear Safety and Security Online User Interface				
17:15-18:00	Reception				



