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## THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY FLAG CODE

The text of the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code is reproduced in this document for the information of all Members. The Flag Code was promulgated by the Director General on 15 September 1999, pursuant to the decision of the Board of Governors on 10 June 1999, approving the adoption of an Agency flag as described in document GOV/1999/41 and its use in accordance with a flag code to be promulgated by the Director General.

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## **THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY FLAG CODE**

The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

*on the basis of*

the decision of the Board of Governors of 10 June 1999 (GOV/OR/981) whereby the Board adopted a distinctive flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency and authorized the Director General to establish the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code,

*hereby adopts*

by virtue of the authority vested in him, the following Flag Code:

### **1. Design of Flag**

The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be the official emblem of the International Atomic Energy Agency centered on a United Nations blue background. Such emblem shall appear in white on both sides of the flag except where otherwise prescribed by regulation. The flag shall be made in such sizes as may from time to time be prescribed by regulation.

### **2. Dignity of Flag**

The flag shall not be subjected to any indignity.

### **3. Flag protocol**

1. The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall not be subordinated to any other flag.
2. The manner in which the flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency may be flown, in relation to any other flag, shall be prescribed in the Regulations.

### **4. Use of Flag by the International Atomic Energy Agency**

1. The flag shall be flown
  - (a) From all buildings, offices and other property occupied by the International Atomic Energy Agency.
  - (b) From any official residence when such residence has been so designated by regulation.

2. The flag shall be used by any unit acting on behalf of the International Atomic Energy Agency such as any Committee or Commission or other entity established by the International Atomic Energy Agency, in such circumstances not covered in this Code as may become necessary in the interests of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

## **5. Use of Flag generally**

The flag may be used in accordance with this Flag Code by Governments, organizations and individuals to demonstrate support of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to further its principles and purposes. The manner and circumstances of display shall conform, insofar as appropriate, to the laws and customs applicable to the display of the national flag of the country in which the display is made.

## **6. Prohibition**

The flag shall not be used in any manner inconsistent with this Code or its Regulations. On no account shall the flag or a replica thereof be used for commercial purposes or in direct association with an article of merchandise. The Director General may deviate from this principle in special circumstances, such as the celebration of an anniversary of the Agency.

## **7. Mourning**

The Director General shall prescribe by regulation or otherwise the cases in which the flag shall be flown at half-mast as sign of mourning.

## **8. Manufacture and sale of Flag**

1. The flag may be manufactured for commercial purposes only upon written consent of the Director General.
2. Such consent shall be subject to the following condition:

The manufacturer shall ensure that every purchaser of the flag receives a copy of this Code and the Regulations for implementing it and is informed of the conditions, set out in this Code and its Regulations, on which the flag may be used.

## **9. Violation**

Any violation of this Flag Code and its Regulations shall be punished in accordance with the laws of the country in which it takes place.

## **10. Regulations**

1. The Director General may delegate his/her authority under this Code.
2. The Director General or his/her duly authorized representative is the only person empowered to make or revise the Regulations for implementing this Code.

Vienna, 15 September 1999

*(signed)*

Mohamed ElBaradei  
Director General  
of the International Atomic  
Energy Agency

## REGULATIONS

These Regulations are issued in pursuance of Article 10 of the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code dated 15 September 1999.

### I. DIMENSIONS OF FLAG

1. In pursuance to Article 1 of the Flag Code the proportions of the International Atomic Energy Agency flag shall be:

- (a) Hoist (width) of the International Atomic Energy Agency flag - 2  
Flag (length) of the International Atomic Energy Agency flag - 3

or

- (b) Hoist (width) of the International Atomic Energy Agency flag - 3  
Flag (length) of the International Atomic Energy Agency flag - 5

or

- (c) the same proportions as those of the national flag of any country in which the International Atomic Energy Agency flag is flown.

2. The emblem shall in all cases be one-half of the hoist of the International Atomic Energy Agency flag and entirely centred.

### II. FLAG PROTOCOL

The International Atomic Energy Agency flag may be displayed as follows:

#### 1. General provisions

- (a) The International Atomic Energy Agency flag may be displayed alone or with one or more other flags.
- (b) When the International Atomic Energy Agency is displayed with one or more other flags, all the flags must be displayed on the same level and be of approximately equal size.
- (c) On no account may any flag displayed with the International Atomic Energy Agency flag be displayed on a higher level than the International Atomic Energy Agency flag or be larger than it.
- (d) The International Atomic Energy Agency flag may be displayed on either side of any other flag without being deemed to be subordinated to any such flag within the meaning of Article 3, paragraph 1, of the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code.

- (e) The International Atomic Energy Agency flag should normally only be displayed on a building or flagstaff from sunrise to sunset. The International Atomic Energy Agency flag may also be displayed at night in exceptional cases.
- (f) The International Atomic Energy Agency flag should never be used as drapery of any sort, never festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

## 2. Closed circle of flags

Other than in a circle of the flags of the United Nations and the other specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency flag should not, in principle, be made part of a circle of flags. When flags are placed in a circle, the flags, other than the International Atomic Energy Agency flag, should be displayed in the English alphabetical order of the countries represented reading clockwise. The International Atomic Energy Agency flag should always be displayed on the flagpole in the centre of the circle of flags or in an appropriate adjoining area.

## 3. Line, cluster or semi-circle of flags

In line, cluster or semi-circle groupings all flags other than the International Atomic Energy Agency flag shall be displayed in the English alphabetical order of the countries represented starting from the left. In such cases, the International Atomic Energy Agency flag should either be displayed separately in an appropriate area or in the centre of the line, cluster or semi-circle or, in cases where two International Atomic Energy Agency flags are available, at both ends of the line, cluster or semi-circle.

## 4. National flag of the country in which the International Atomic Energy Agency flag is displayed

- (a) The national flag of the country should appear in its normal position according to the English alphabetical order of the countries.
- (b) When the country concerned wishes to make a special display of its national flag, the flags should be arranged in a line, cluster or semi-circle and the national flag placed at each end of the line, cluster or semi-circle separated from the grouping by an interval of not less than one fifth of the total length of the line.

# III. USE OF FLAG GENERALLY

1. Under Article 5 of the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code, the International Atomic Energy Agency flag may be used to demonstrate the support of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to further its principles and purposes.

2. It is considered especially appropriate that the International Atomic Energy Agency flag should be displayed on the following occasions:

- a) on the national day of the country in which the flag is displayed;
- b) on the anniversary of the founding of the International Atomic Energy Agency;
- c) on the occasion of any official event, particularly in honour of the International Atomic Energy Agency;
- d) on the occasion of any official event which might or is desired to be related in some way to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

#### IV. PROHIBITIONS

1. In accordance with Article 6 of the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code, on no account shall the International Atomic Energy Agency flag or replica thereof be used for commercial purposes or in direct association with an article of merchandise.
2. Furthermore, neither the International Atomic Energy Agency flag nor any replica thereof shall be stamped, engraved or otherwise affixed on any stationery, books, magazines, periodicals or other publications of any nature whatsoever in a manner such as could imply that any such stationery, books, magazines, periodicals or other publications were published by or on behalf of the International Atomic Energy Agency unless such is in fact the case or in a manner such as has the effect of advertising a commercial product.
3. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 4 of this section, and with the exception of articles manufactured for presentation or sale to participants in the various meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency, neither the International Atomic Energy Agency flag nor any replica thereof should be affixed in any manner on any article of any kind. Subject to the same exceptions, the International Atomic Energy Agency flag should not be reproduced on articles made of cloth, leather, material, synthetic material, etc.
4. The International Atomic Energy Agency flag may be manufactured in the form of a lapel button.
5. Subject to the special cases mentioned in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, no mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture or drawing of any nature shall ever be placed upon or attached to the International Atomic Energy Agency flag or placed upon any replica thereof.

#### V. MOURNING

1. In accordance with Article 7 of the International Atomic Energy Agency Flag Code, whenever the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency proclaims that the International Atomic Energy Agency is in official mourning, the International Atomic Energy Agency flag, wherever displayed, shall mark such an event by being flown at half-mast during the period of official mourning.
2. Heads of Offices, Directors of Laboratories and Heads of International Atomic Energy Agency missions away from headquarters are authorized by the Director General to lower the International Atomic Energy Agency flag to half-mast in cases where they wish to follow official mourning in the country in which such Offices or missions have their headquarters.

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3. The International Atomic Energy Agency flag when displayed at half-mast should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-mast" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the mast.

4. Crepe streamers may be affixed to flagstaffs flying the International Atomic Energy Agency flag in a funeral procession only by order of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

5. When the International Atomic Energy Agency flag is used to cover a casket, it should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

## VI. ALPHABETICAL ORDER

The list of Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in the English alphabetical order, as of the date of the issuance of these Regulations is set out in Appendix I.

Vienna, 15 September 1999

*(signed)*

Mohamed ElBaradei  
Director General  
of the International Atomic  
Energy Agency



## APPENDIX 1

Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency  
(Position as of 15 September 1999)

Afghanistan	Haiti	Paraguay
Albania	Holy See	Peru
Algeria	Hungary	Philippines
Argentina	Iceland	Poland
Armenia	India	Portugal
Australia	Indonesia	Qatar
Austria	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Republic of Moldova
Bangladesh	Iraq	Romania
Belarus	Ireland	Russian Federation
Belgium	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Benin	Italy	Senegal
Bolivia	Jamaica	Sierra Leone
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Singapore
Brazil	Jordan	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Kenya	South Africa
Cambodia	Korea, Republic of	Spain
Cameroon	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Canada	Latvia	Sudan
Chile	Lebanon	Sweden
China	Liberia	Switzerland
Colombia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Syrian Arab Republic
Costa Rica	Liechtenstein	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Lithuania	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Croatia	Luxembourg	Tunisia
Cuba	Madagascar	Turkey
Cyprus	Malaysia	Uganda
Czech Republic	Mali	Ukraine
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Malta	United Arab Emirates
Denmark	Marshall Islands	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Dominican Republic	Mauritius	United Republic of Tanzania
Ecuador	Mexico	United States of America
Egypt	Monaco	Uruguay
El Salvador	Mongolia	Uzbekistan
Estonia	Morocco	Venezuela
Ethiopia	Myanmar	Viet Nam
Finland	Namibia	Yemen
France	Netherlands	Yugoslavia
Gabon	New Zealand	Zambia
Georgia	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Germany	Niger	
Ghana	Nigeria	
Greece	Norway	
Guatemala	Pakistan	
	Panama	