

General Conference

GC(53)/INF/6

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Fifty-third regular session

Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the Fifty-third Regular Session

1. The fifty-third regular session of the General Conference¹ will open on **Monday, 14 September 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** It will be held in buildings M and C of the Vienna International Centre (VIC).²
2. Building M is the newly built conference building in the VIC built by the Austrian Government in its capacity as host country. To assist delegations with orientation guided tours will be organized as from 1st to 11th September 2009. To register for the tours delegations should contact the Conference Services Section, Ms. C. Pfoertner, on ext. 21311.
3. Plenary meetings of the Conference will take place in M building, while meetings of the Committee of the Whole will take place in the Agency's Boardroom in C building.
4. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings, subsequent to the opening session, 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. If evening meetings prove to be necessary, the starting times will be announced during the session.

¹ The provisional agenda for the fifty-third regular session is contained in document GC(53)/1.

² See attached plans.

B. Pre-Session Consultations

5. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (*Saturday, 12 September and Sunday, 13 September 2009*), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly 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 session opens on *Monday, 14 September*. This will contribute to the smooth running of the 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 rooms should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Services Section.

C. Notification of the Composition of Delegations

6. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done through the IAEA's General Conference Registration pages online. The direct Internet address is <http://gc-registration.iaea.org>. These pages can also be accessed through the Agency's website, <http://www.iaea.org>, within the IAEA General Conference sub link. Internet registration has been available since *Monday, 13 July 2009*. The specific usernames and passwords needed to access the website have been transmitted to Ministries of Foreign Affairs with copies to the Permanent Missions. If it is not possible to register online due to lack of access to the Internet, a communication to that effect should be sent to the IAEA Protocol office which will provide alternative options for registration. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure³ provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented 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.

7. A preliminary list (GC(53)/INF/7 Unofficial Edition) of members of delegations will be issued on *Monday, 14 September 2009*; only those names which are received by the Secretariat by *Wednesday, 9 September* will be included in it. A final list (GC(53)/INF/7) of members of delegations will be issued on *Friday, 18 September*. It will contain information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 5:00 p.m. on *Wednesday, 16 September*. Electronic versions of both lists, when ready, will be available on the GC website.

8. If, during the session, changes are required to the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegations are requested to inform the Protocol Office in room M0E05 (M building, ground floor) in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

D. Credentials of Delegates

9. Delegates (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity - for example, as

³ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

Resident Representative. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, 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, if possible not later than seven days before the start of the Conference, i.e. **Monday, 7 September 2009**. If credentials have not been submitted by **Friday, 11 September**, delegations should deliver them directly to the Credentials Officer in room M0E05 (M building, ground floor) either on **Sunday, 13 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on Monday, 14 September, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

E. Registration for Badges

10. Each participant attending the General Conference will require a badge with photograph in order to enter the VIC. Designated participants who are not already in possession of a valid VIC grounds pass should register at the VIC for badging.

11. Participants are urged to take advantage of the advance registration possibilities on **Friday, 11 September** and on **Sunday, 13 September 2009, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**, in order to avoid queues for registration on Monday morning, **14 September**. As badge holders are **not** subject to screening before entering the VIC, a designated registration tent is being established outside Gate 1 (see attached plan) where General Conference badges will be issued to those participants requiring them. The schedule and location of badging is as follows:

Friday, 11 September	9.00 - 17.30	inside Gate 1
Sunday, 13 September	14.30 - 18.30	tent
Monday, 14 September	8.00 - 18.00	tent
Tuesday, 15 Sept + Wednesday, 16 Sept.	8.00 - 17.30	inside Gate 1
Thursday, 17 Sept. + Friday, 18 Sept.	8.30 - 17.30	inside Gate 1

12. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on **Monday, 7 September 2009**, may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at Gate 1 of the VIC **between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Monday, 7 September, and Tuesday, 8 September**, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Thursday, 3 September 2009.

F. Documents

13. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically and they are urged to make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. (The relevant website address is <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC53/Documents/index.html>). Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room F-152 in the VIC not later than **Friday, 11 September 2009**, and specify its requirements for documents produced during the Conference, on a form which will be available for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should direct their requests to the

Documents Counter in the M building, 1st floor, either on *Sunday, 13 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on Monday, 14 September, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.*

14. Before the opening of the session, one complete set of the Conference documents already issued will be made available on request to each delegation. All documents produced during the session including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme and other notices will also be available at the Documents Counter in the M building, 1st floor.

15. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the Secretary of the Committee of the Whole with the text **as early as possible**. 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.

G. Speakers in the General Debate

16. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on *Monday, 14 September 2009*, 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 (VIC, room A-2863). As Member States were informed by document GC(53)/INF/1, issued on 2 June 2009, inscription in the list of speakers started on 22 June 2009; a ballot was taken at 11:00 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - made a request for inscription in the list.⁴ Member States requesting, after that 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.

17. Delegates who have not inscribed their names in the list by the beginning of the session but wish to speak in the general debate are requested to contact the official responsible for maintaining the speakers' list, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall of M building (1st floor). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

H. Statements in the General Debate

18. To make more efficient use of the general debate, and in line with the recommendations on 'Streamlining the work of the General Conference' approved in 1998 by the Conference in decision GC(42)/DEC/13, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make.

19. The general debate usually extends over four days of the Conference's sessions. With a view to making the best use of the time available during the forthcoming session, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements - a practice which is being followed in other UN system organizations.

⁴ This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

20. To facilitate interpretation and public distribution of statements in the general debate, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance (in double spacing if possible).

21. All statements, as received by the Conference Officer, will be made available on the IAEA's website, www.iaea.org, unless the distribution is restricted by the Member State. In such a case, this should be clearly marked on the statement. A hard copy of the full texts (in the original language and as delivered to the Conference Officer in the Plenary Hall of M building) will also be made available to Member States in their pigeon holes at the Documents Counter in M building, 1st floor. It should be noted that only the statement orally delivered will be included in the official records.

I. Working Languages and Interpretation

22. The working languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages during the formal meetings of the Conference will be interpreted simultaneously into the others. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages. Delegates are asked to provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2010, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues

23. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 16 June 2009 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of \$85 million for Member States' contributions to the TCF for 2010, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2010) has been issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States before or during the General Conference.

24. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the TC cycle and TC activities for the year ahead. During the regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying Delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged.⁵ As this document will be updated daily for the duration of the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States contributed towards 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 Officer, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall of M building (1st floor) and who will arrange for the updated versions of the document to be issued.

⁵ The corresponding document of last year was GC(52)/22.

25. Member States which are in a position to make their contributions to the TCF split 50% in dollars and 50% in euros are encouraged to do so, as this will help the Secretariat to match the anticipated outflows of TCF resources and will smooth TCF implementation for Member States.

26. The Contributions Officer and her staff will also be available in Room M0E67 (M building, ground floor), Ext. 27142 to discuss regular budget and all other payment issues, as well as to respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights.

K. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

27. The objective of the Scientific Forum, established in 1998, is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues relating to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum will be on the theme *Energy for Development*. The proposed programme of discussions, to take place on **15 to 16 September 2009**, is provided in Annex 1 to this document.

28. The four sessions of the Scientific Forum will consist of keynote speeches and presentations by leading experts in their respective fields which will be followed by questions and discussion. All sessions will take place in the UNIDO Boardroom on the 4th floor of building C in the VIC.

29. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

30. The Scientific Forum is open to the public. Registration should be made via the participation form available on-line at: <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC53/ScientificForum/>

31. The Secretariat encourages Member States to facilitate the participation of their experts and other interested parties dealing with the issues that will be the focus of this year's Scientific Forum.

L. Senior Regulators' Meeting

32. The meeting for senior regulatory officials who are policy-makers in the field of nuclear, radiation, transport, and radioactive waste safety will take place on **Thursday, 17 September, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The provisional programme of the meeting is provided in Annex 2 to this document.

33. The meeting will take place in the UNIDO Board Room on the 4th floor of building C (VIC). Further information may be obtained from the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (Tel.:2600/22696).

34. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

M. Technical Cooperation Meetings

35. There will be meetings of representatives of AFRA, ARCAL and RCA Cooperative Agreements, as well as of representatives of Member States of ARASIA and Member States from the Europe region.

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

- RCA:** Friday, 11 September, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
C building, 7th floor, Conference Room IV
- ARCAL:** Thursday, 17 September, 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
C building, 2nd floor, Conference Room I
- AFRA:** Thursday, 17 September, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
C building, 2nd floor, Conference Room I

ARASIA Group Meeting:

Tuesday, 15 September, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
A building, 7th floor, Conference Room A0742

Europe Region Meeting:

Thursday, 17 September, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
C building, 7th floor, Conference Room IV

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

N. INSAG Forum on “Responsibility for Safety in a Globalized Nuclear Environment”

38. The INSAG Forum will be conducted as a round-table discussion led by INSAG Chairman Richard Meserve. The discussion will focus on the challenges in the area of nuclear safety in a globalized and multinational environment. Toshiba-Westinghouse will present its views on the global market and the means to respond to an expected increase in the number of projects. The WNA Working Group on Cooperation in Reactor Design Evaluation and Licensing will present the need for, as well as benefits of an industrial standardization initiative. The United Arab Emirates will present the current status of the nuclear power programme and the model adopted to develop the required infrastructure for safety. France, through the French Safety Authority, will discuss the sustainable support to be provided by vendor countries, by both their Government and industry, to countries embarking on nuclear power programmes. The Forum will take place on **Monday, 14 September 2009, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the UNIDO Boardroom, C building, 4th Floor.

O. Visits Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

O.1. Visit to IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf

39. On *Wednesday, 16 September 2009*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

40. The Laboratories are situated about 35 km southeast of Vienna and contribute to the Agency's programmes with experimental activities in the following fields: nuclear verification, applications of radiation and isotopes in food and agriculture, sterile insect technique, nuclear instrumentation, radiation dosimetry, nuclear techniques for monitoring radioactive and other contaminants in the environment. The laboratories are also a training centre for scientists from developing countries. In addition, quality control services for analytical and radiometric measurements and radiation applications are provided at Seibersdorf for the benefit of Member States' laboratories and institutes.

41. Registration for this visit may be made by 12:00 p.m. on *Tuesday, 15 September 2009*, at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor. Due to security and logistics concerns visitors will be taken only by Agency transport. The number of seats available is limited to 58. The assembly point for delegates is the rotunda of the VIC, ground floor of building C, at 8:50 a.m. on *16 September 2009*.

O.2. Visit to the Isotope Hydrology Laboratory

42. On *Tuesday, 15 September* and *Wednesday, 16 September 2009*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Isotope Hydrology Laboratory, which is situated in the VIC. The Laboratory provides analytical support to the Water Resources programme, training for scientists from Member States and quality assurance services to isotope hydrology laboratories worldwide. The visits will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days. The assembly point is the rotunda of the VIC, ground floor of building C, at 1:50 p.m. Due to space constraints no more than 20 visitors will be able to make the visit per day. Registration for the visits should be made at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor.

O.3. Visit to the Incident and Emergency Centre

43. On *Tuesday, 15 September*, and *Thursday, 17 September 2009*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC), which is situated in the VIC. The IEC serves as the Agency's focal point for responding to nuclear or radiological incidents and emergencies and for promoting improvement in Member States' emergency response and preparedness. The visit will present the activities, infrastructure and communication procedures of the Agency's IEC. Registration for the visits should be made at the Information Desk, M building entrance, ground floor.

P. Other Events Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

44. Information on specific meetings, discussions, roundtables, briefings being organized in conjunction with the Conference's session may be found in the Delegates' Handbook and the Daily Journal available during the Conference.

Q. Exhibits and Displays

45. Information on specific displays, including displays by Member States and Agency programme areas, may be found in the Delegates' Handbook and the Daily Journal available during the Conference.

R. Information Technology Services

R.1. External E-Mail and Internet Services

46. The Conference's public address is: "GENCONF09@IAEA.ORG". This e-mail address may be used only to receive messages for delegates. Senders should specify the recipient's name and country in the subject line in order to ensure that the message is allocated to the proper delegate. Delegates may pick up messages sent to this e-mail address at the information desk at the entrance to M building.

47. Computers will be made available in the Internet Corners on the ground floor of M building. Delegates may use these computers to access the Internet, including sending and receiving e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address. Delegates with their own laptops with wireless capability will be able to utilize the wireless access to Internet services which is available throughout the M and C buildings.

R.2. Web Broadcasting

48. Plenary sessions will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the IAEA's website, www.iaea.org.

S. General Information

49. For the convenience of delegations a Delegates' Handbook in pocket format will be issued containing useful information about the Conference, the Secretariat, exhibits, facilities and services. Delegates are urged to keep the handbook with them during the Conference.

S.1. Accommodation for Delegations

50. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the month of September. It is therefore important to reserve accommodation as far in advance as possible. Delegates are advised to make their bookings either directly with the hotel or through their Permanent Mission or Embassy/Consulate in Vienna.

S.2. VIC Entry for Official Cars

51. The entry arrangements for delegations' cars are explained in the attached plan of the entry and drop off points. The registered cars of Permanent Missions will be able to park as usual. However, due to limited parking space at the VIC, non-registered cars will only be allowed entry for drop off. Red entry cards that are to be used for official, chauffeured cars of delegates were sent to Member States on 4th August 2009.

52. Paid parking will be available at the Austria Center, adjoining the VIC.

53. Please note that only participants with either a valid VIC grounds pass or a conference badge will be permitted entrance through the entry points indicated on the attached plan.

S.3. VIC Commissary

54. In accordance with the Headquarters Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Republic of Austria, the **Heads** of delegations of Member States participating in the General Conference are entitled to commissary cards for the duration of the Conference's session. These cards can be collected at the Registration desks on *Sunday, 13 and Monday, 14 September 2009*.

55. Any questions in connection with the issuance of commissary cards to heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office in room M0E05, M building, ground floor.

IAEA SCIENTIFIC FORUM 2009

Energy for Development

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

10:00 – 10:30

**Opening Session: Dr Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the IAEA
Mr Ogunlade Davidson, Forum Chair**

10:35 – 13:00 hours

Session 1: Energy for Development – The Issues

Keynote Topics*:

- Energy – The Missing Millennium Development Goal
- Reconsidering energy aid mechanisms
- Energy needs of the bottom billion

13:00 – 15:00 hours

Break

15:00 – 18:00 hours

Session 2: Energy Demand

Keynote Topics*:

- Demography, migration – implications for future energy demand
- The role of infrastructures
- The potential of energy efficiency in flattening energy demand growth
- Externalities & unpriced pollution
- The bottom line: Demand scenarios

* The keynote presentations will be followed first by a brief panel discussion then the floor will be opened to all forum participants

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

10:00 – 13:00 hours

Session 3: Energy Supply

Keynote Topics*:

- Resources
- Clean fossil fuels and carbon capture and storage
- Renewables
- Nuclear energy
- Energy and food security
- Mismatch between long-term optimal supply strategies and short-term decision making

13:00 – 15:00 hours Break

15:00 – 18:00 hours

Session 4: International Institutional Implications

Keynote Topics*:

- Appropriate roles of
 - Bilateral aid agencies
 - International organizations
 - UN agencies
 - UN-Energy
- Need for a global energy institution

For further information please contact:

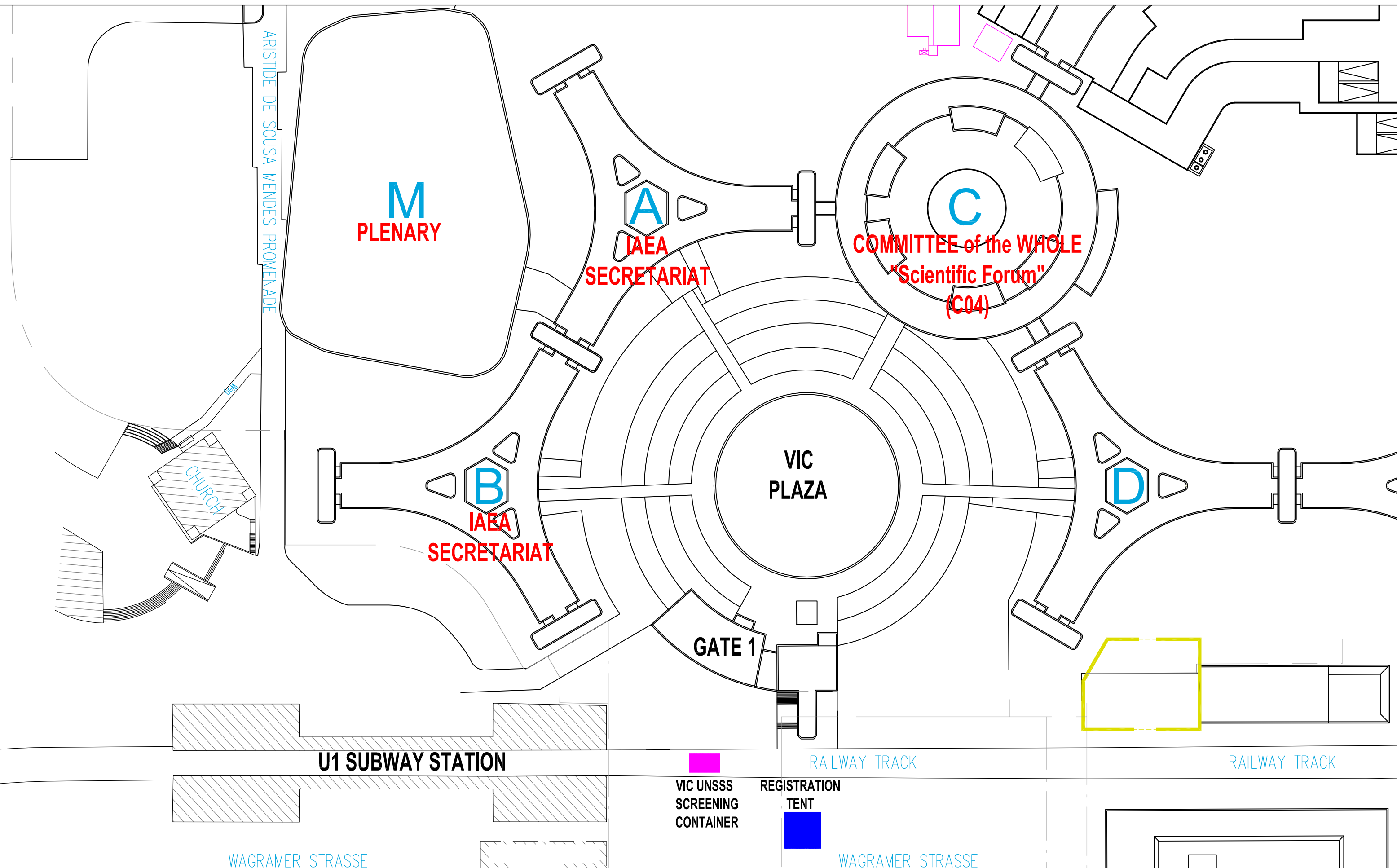
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To register online and for further information please go to
<http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Meetings/Meetings.asp>

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GENERAL CONFERENCE: SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING
17 September 2009
C04 UNIDO Boardroom
Provisional Programme

Thursday 17 September	
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
	Session I: Coordination of International Regulatory Support for Newcomers and Countries Expanding their Nuclear Power Programme
09:15 – 09:40	Regulatory Review and Knowledge Network
09:40 – 10:10	Multinational regulatory approaches
10:10 – 10:30	Presentation of the draft Safety Guide DS424 on Establishing a Safety Infrastructure for a National Nuclear Power Programme
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel Discussion: Coordination of International Regulatory Support for Newcomers and Countries Expanding their Nuclear Power Programme
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:45	Session II: Long term Management Strategies for disused Radioactive Sources How to establish a connection between the Code of Conduct, the Joint Convention and Nuclear Security related Conventions?
14:45 – 15:30	Keynote addresses:
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Panel Discussion: Long term Management Strategies for disused Radioactive Source
17:00	Chairperson's Summary



OVERVIEW IAEA 53rd GENERAL CONFERENCE

IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE 2009 DELEGATIONS' ENTRY AND DROP OFF POINTS

(Please note: either a valid VIC grounds' pass or a conference badge is required to enter the VIC)

