

The Government of Canada, as the Secretary of State has said in his note, shares with the United States Government the desire to strengthen the Agency and to build further on the modest but steady progress achieved up to the present time. In this connection careful study has been given to the types of action described by the Secretary of State and it has appeared to the Canadian Government that the most immediately useful step would be an announcement at the Fourth General Conference of willingness to transfer the application of safeguards under certain bilateral agreements to the Agency as soon as this body is in a position to assume such a responsibility. The Canadian Government has, therefore, instructed its representatives in Tokyo and in Berne to enquire of the Japanese and the Swiss Governments whether they would be prepared at the coming General Conference to join in a declaration of their intention to transfer to the Agency the application of safeguards in accordance with their respective bilateral agreements with Canada as soon as the Agency is in a position to accept this responsibility.

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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
et du ministre du Commerce
pour le Cabinet*

*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
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to Cabinet*

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FOURTH GENERAL CONFERENCE, VIENNA, SEPTEMBER 20

The Fourth General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) opens in Vienna on September 20. As in previous years, it is proposed that the Head of the Canadian Delegation should be Mr. M.H. Wershof, Canadian Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the European Office of the United Nations and Canadian Governor on the Board of Governors of the IAEA. The remainder of the proposed delegation is as follows:

Alternate Delegates

Mr. J.L. Gray, President, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited
Mr. K. Goldschlag, Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Vienna, and
Canadian Deputy Governor on the Board of Governors

Advisers

Miss Dorothy Burwash, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa
Mr. J.W. Greenwood, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited

Adviser and Secretary of Delegation

Mr. R.W. Murray, Second Secretary, Canadian Embassy, The Hague

2. The General Conference will conduct the usual review and assessment of the Agency's policies and programme and will approve the budget and plan of work for the coming year. It will also discuss the proposals which were provisionally approved by the Board of Governors in March for a system of safeguards to be administered by the Agency, which is intended to prevent nuclear materials supplied for peaceful purposes from being diverted to military use.