

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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Dear Mr Commissioner,

I am pleased to inform you that the Agency's International Conference on Current Nuclear Power Plant Safety Issues will be held from 20 - 24 October 1980 in Stockholm, at the invitation of the Government of Sweden. The Conference will provide a forum for senior officials and energy planners as well as technical specialists to clarify and discuss the various aspects of nuclear safety. More detailed information is given in my circular letters of 6 December 1979 and 1 April 1980, copies of which are attached.

For the concluding Plenary Session, a 90-minute Round Table entitled "Nuclear Safety - Where do we go from here?" is foreseen which will directly follow a 60-minute summary of the technical sessions of the Conference. I am sure that it would considerably contribute to the success of the Conference if you would agree to participate in this Round Table and thus give us the benefit of your long-standing experience in the subject matter. I am also inviting experts from Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Japan and the USSR to take part in this Round Table as well.

As this Round Table is scheduled at the end of the Conference, it is expected to identify the views expressed in terms of new trends and proposals related to the theme of the Conference, such as the improved use of operating experience, increased importance of operational safety matters, the need for more complete emergency planning, advanced siting requirements and the ways by which international co-operation can enhance safety. In addition, the Round Table could devote a major part of its deliberations to the public concern in the safety of nuclear power plants. In this respect there could be a discussion on the need and the methods to adequately inform the public of the real health and safety risks not only of nuclear power but of the alternative energy sources, and of the measures that can be taken to demonstrate convincingly that those responsible for nuclear power are firmly committed to, and capable of, protecting the public safety.

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In order to ensure a timely preparation and co-ordination of the Conference, I would appreciate knowing whether you can participate in this important Round Table and having your views on the concepts as presented above.

I am looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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