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FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT TO CSNI FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING. PLEASE APPROVE THE TEXT AND SUGGEST DATE URGENTLY, NOTING THAT MEETING TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE WOULD BE PREFERRED OVER A JULY DATE :

1. AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT INCIDENT IN A REACTOR AT THE THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR POWER STATION, THE CSNI DELEGATES FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF QUANTITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT (QRA) IN NUCLEAR SAFETY PLANNED TO BE HELD IN PARIS FROM 16TH TO 18TH MAY 1979 SHOULD BE POSTPONED ~~TO 27-29~~.
2. IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAIRMAN, IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO HOLD THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IN PARIS AT THE CHATEAU DE LA MUNETTE ON ~~27-29~~ 27-29 1979. THE PROGRAMME WILL BE REARRANGED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF THE THREE MILE ISLAND INCIDENT PRIOR TO THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED IN PAPER SEN/SIN(79)11 ALREADY ISSUED ON 15TH MARCH 1979.
3. AS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1975 AND 1976 (SEN/SIN(74)11 REVISED AND SEN/SIN(76)24) THE UNITED STATES DELEGATES TO CSNI WILL PROVIDE AN INITIAL BRIEFING COVERING THE ~~EVENTS BEFORE AND DURING THE INCIDENT, AND WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE LESSONS LEARNED (SO FAR AND THE REMEDIAL ACTIONS PROPOSED OR UNDERTAKEN TO PREVENT SIMILAR MISHAPS FROM OCCURRING.~~ THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS, AND TO DECIDE ON HOW TO PROCEED FURTHER.
4. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DELEGATES WILL UNDERSTAND WHY THESE CHANGES HAVE HAD TO BE MADE TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE VALUE OF HOLDING THE MEETING AT A SLIGHTLY LATER DATE.

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