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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (the Agency) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Agency and has the honour to request that they draw the attention of the appropriate governmental authorities to the Agency's intention to hold a Scientific Forum during the forty-ninth regular session of the General Conference on the theme of *Nuclear Science: Physics Helping the World*. This theme has been chosen, inter alia, as this year is being celebrated as the International Year of Physics. The Scientific Forum will take place on 27 and 28 September 2005 in Conference Room C of the Austria Center, parallel to the formal proceedings of the General Conference. There will be four sessions on the following topics *Meeting Energy Needs, Developing Advanced Materials and Technologies, Advancing Radiation Medicine, and Supporting Nuclear Safety*.

The *first* session is expected to cover promises, issues, challenges and possible solutions in respect of nuclear science meeting energy needs. The *second* session will examine the development of advanced materials and technologies for nuclear energy. The *third* session will focus on the use of ionising radiation for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as cancer and will discuss the increasing need for well-trained medical physicists in developing countries. The *fourth* session will focus on the global safety regime.

Governments to which this note is addressed are invited to designate representatives for participation in the Forum. The Agency encourages Member States to include in their delegations representatives from organizations dealing with the issues mentioned above. The Secretariat would be grateful if the attached Tentative Programme and Participation Form could be brought to the attention of the authorities, institutions and persons that might be interested.

Governments are requested to inform the designated participants that, if they require visa to enter Austria, they should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria as soon as possible.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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