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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of IAEA Member States receiving technical assistance under the IAEA's regular programme and has the honour to inform them that, subject to the approval by the General Conference in September 2021, the IAEA's **Safeguards Traineeship Programme** for Young Graduates and Junior Professionals will be conducted from **1 February 2022 to 30 November 2022**. As the Traineeship Programme is scheduled to begin on 1 February 2022, the IAEA is required to initiate preparatory actions in anticipation of approval by the General Conference.

The objective of the Safeguards Traineeship Programme is to increase the number of qualified candidates from developing countries for a position of safeguards inspector in the IAEA or in their national nuclear organization. In addition to enhancing the technical skills and competence of the trainees, the Traineeship Programme will provide the participants with opportunities to broaden their knowledge about the peaceful application of nuclear techniques and their implementation at a facility and a State level.

The Programme Description and Application Form are attached.

The selected trainees will receive ten months of education and on-the-job training at IAEA Headquarters in Vienna and, as appropriate, in nuclear institutions and facilities in Europe. Teaching is based on active learning, requiring a strong commitment of the trainees to day-to-day activities and implementation and presentation of nuclear related projects.

The award of a traineeship does not imply any commitment of appointment with the IAEA. The Traineeship Programme is intended to prepare trainees for employment in their home countries in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy.

All instructions will be in English.

Trainees will receive stipends as determined by the IAEA's Rules and Regulations.

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of personal property during the programme.

Governments are invited to submit nominations for the Safeguards Traineeship Programme through the official channels (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National

Atomic Energy Authority). Nominations and the accompanying application form should reach the IAEA Training Section of the Department of Safeguards not later than **20 August 2021**. Advance information about the candidate(s), submitted by email or other means, would be welcomed. Governments nominating candidates are asked to ensure that qualified women be given every opportunity to be informed about this programme, and should be encouraged to apply.

Up to nine Safeguards Traineeships will be awarded for the year 2022. The IAEA's selection committee will evaluate the candidates based on criteria such as educational background, working experience, age between 24 and 36 and proficiency in English. Preference will be given to candidates from countries under-represented in the IAEA's Secretariat or countries with no or limited nuclear fuel cycle related activities.

Governments will be informed of the decision made about their nominees not later than 30 November 2021. Full details on administrative and financial matters relative to the selected trainees will be communicated at that time.

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

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Enclosures: Programme Description Application Form