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Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General
International Atomic Energy Agency
Room A 2822
Vienna International Center

Dear Mr. Director General:

I congratulate you and the Agency's many dedicated civil servants on the International Atomic Energy Agency's 50th anniversary.

The United States greatly appreciated the important mission of the Agency in promoting nuclear safety and security, fostering the role of nuclear science and technology, and verifying that nuclear materials are used for legitimate, peaceful purposes. The Agency's dedication to safe and secure expansion of civilian nuclear energy has helped ensure that member states realize the benefits of nuclear energy as a clean, reliable, and safe source of energy.

I look forward to continuing our close cooperation.

Sincerely,

Condoleeza Rice