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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

We asked for the floor in this Closing Session on a matter of information.

The IAEA is not a party to the NPT and hence the Agency is not in the position to comment on matters relating to the interpretation or review process of the Treaty. The IAEA is a party to comprehensive safeguards agreements with NPT States Parties pursuant to Article III.1 of the Treaty. The IAEA Board of Governors is responsible for reaching conclusions regarding the implementation of and compliance with safeguards agreements between the Agency and Contracting States. At the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors in March 2003, under agenda item <any other business>, the Director General was requested to provide a report regarding nuclear activities in one Member State. Some Board Members requested a <comprehensive> report, others a <detailed> report or a report, while yet others remained silent. There was no conclusion reached on this matter at that Board meeting. The next meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors will be held in mid-June, at which time the Director General will report to the Board on a number of Agency matters, including the conclusion and implementation of safeguards agreements.

The IAEA is grateful for the support for its work expressed by NPT States Parties.

Thank you, Chairman.