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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached communication dated 6 October 1999 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

Annex

Letter dated 6 October 1999 from the Director General of  
the International Atomic Energy Agency addressed to the  
President of the Security Council

In paragraph 16 of its resolution 1051 (1996) of 27 March 1996, the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency is requested to submit consolidated progress reports to the Council every six months, commencing on 11 April 1996.<sup>a</sup>

As the Security Council is aware, the Agency has not been in a position, since 16 December 1998, to implement its mandate in Iraq under the relevant Council resolutions and is thus unable to provide any measure of assurance of Iraq's compliance with its obligations under those resolutions. In this context, I should record that the Agency has not received from Iraq the semi-annual declarations required in paragraph 22 and annex 2 of the Agency's ongoing monitoring and verification plan. These semi-annual declarations are the principal means for the provision of information by Iraq regarding the current use and any changes in use of certain facilities, installations and sites and the inventory and location of certain materials, equipment and isotopes. The semi-annual declarations were due on 15 January and 15 July 1999.

As I have previously reported, there is no technical impediment to the Agency's full implementation in Iraq of its plan for the ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraq's compliance with its obligations under the relevant resolutions and, as part of the plan, to continue to follow up on the few remaining questions and concerns relating to Iraq's clandestine nuclear programme and any other matter that may come to the Agency's attention.

The Agency maintains an operational plan for the resumption of its verification activities in Iraq and would be able to respond, on short notice, to a request from the Security Council to resume those activities in Iraq under the relevant resolutions.

I would take this opportunity to stress that for the Agency to fully implement the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council, it is essential that the Agency retain its right to unrestricted access provided for in the relevant resolutions and as specified in the Agency's ongoing monitoring and verification plan. Further, I would reiterate the importance of the necessary provisions being made for adequate, longer-term funding for the Agency's implementation of that mandate (see S/1999/127, annex, appendix, enclosure, paras. 26-28).

Please arrange to have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed ELBARADEI

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<sup>a</sup> The previous consolidated reports of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency were issued as annexes to documents S/1996/261, S/1996/833, S/1997/297, S/1999/779, S/1998/312, S/1998/927, and S/1999/393. Document S/1998/694 contained the text of an interim status report provided in response to presidential statement S/PRST/1998/11, and document S/1999/127 contained the text of an interim status report provided in response to a note by the President of the Security Council (S/1999/100).