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Agreement between Mauritius and the Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

An agreement by exchange of letters with the Republic of Mauritius in connection with the amendment of Article 15 of the Safeguards Agreement

1. Through the attached Exchange of Letters, Article 15 of the Agreement between Mauritius and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons¹ has been amended to read as follows:

“The Government of Mauritius and the Agency will bear the expenses incurred by them in implementing their respective responsibilities under this Agreement. However, if the Government of Mauritius or persons under its jurisdiction incur extraordinary expenses as a result of a specific request by the Agency, the Agency shall reimburse such expenses provided that it has agreed in advance to do so. In any case the Agency shall bear the cost of any additional measuring or sampling which inspectors may request.”

2. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement reflected in the Exchange of Letters, the amendment to the Safeguards Agreement entered into force on 5 July 2006, the date on which the Agency received the affirmative letter from Mauritius.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the decision of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (the Agency) of 18 March 2003 which, *inter alia*, authorised the Secretariat of the IAEA to amend, through an exchange of letters with Mauritius, Article 15 of the Safeguards Agreement between Mauritius and the Agency (INFCIRC/190) in order to correctly reflect a change in membership status.

The Safeguards Agreement entered into force on 31 January 1973. Since Mauritius was not a Member State of the Agency at that time, Article 15 of the Agreement provided, in relevant part, that "The Government of Mauritius shall fully reimburse to the Agency the safeguards expenses which the Agency incurs under this Agreement".

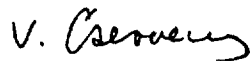
In order to correctly reflect Mauritius' status as a member of the IAEA, and in accordance with earlier consultations, I should like to propose that Article 15 be amended to read:

"15. Mauritius and the Agency will bear the expenses incurred by them in implementing their respective responsibilities under this Agreement. However, if Mauritius or persons under its jurisdiction incur extraordinary expenses as a result of a specific request by the Agency, the Agency shall reimburse such expenses provided that it has agreed in advance to do so. In any case the Agency shall bear the cost of any additional measuring or sampling which inspectors may request."

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It is the Secretariat's understanding that Mauritius concurs with this proposal. If that is the case, this letter and your affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between Mauritius and the IAEA, which shall enter into force on the date that the Agency receives that reply.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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