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Communications dated 8 June 2010 received from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Agency regarding the Director General's Report to the Board of Governors GOV/2010/28 dated 31 May 2010

The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 8 June 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran transmitting the text of a letter from the Resident Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Director General regarding paragraph 28 of the report by the Director General to the Board of Governors on "Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement and relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007), 1803 (2008) and 1835 (2008) in the Islamic Republic of Iran" (GOV/2010/28, dated 31 May 2010).

As requested by the Permanent Mission, the aforementioned letter is circulated herewith for the information of all Member States.



*Permanent Mission of
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)*

No. 080/2010

7 June, 2010

**His Excellency Mr. Yukiya Amano
Director General
IAEA, Vienna**

In the name of God, the most Gracious and the most Merciful

Excellency;

Following our letter 077/2010 dated 2 June 2010 regarding the paragraph 28 of your report to the Board of Governors (GOV/2010/28 dated 31 May 2010), and with reference to the letter of Director, Division of Operation B, DIRO-2010-003 dated 4 June 2010, I would like to bring to your attention the following facts:

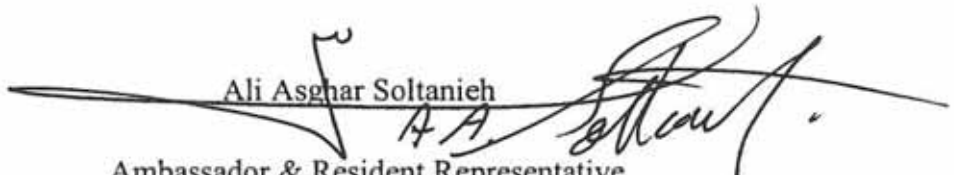
1. The JHL operator never stated that "*pyroprocessing R&D activities had been initiated at JHL*" but in fact the operator had vividly explained to the inspectors that a research project aiming purely at studying the electrochemical behavior of uranyl ion in ionic liquid using Merck Company uranyl nitrate salts was to be carry out.
2. Therefore, paragraph 28 of the report (GOV/2010/28) which says "*...the Agency was informed by the operator that pyroprocessing R&D activities had been initiated at JHL to study the electrochemical production of uranium metal.*" is absolutely incorrect and is wrongly reported. In fact, reflection of "*pyroprocessing R&D activities*" is a misunderstanding on the side of the Agency's inspectors.
3. In reality the information contained in paragraph 28 of the report does not reflect the facts and indeed is a wrong and false information.



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4. In the course of the DIV inspection conducted on 14 April 2010 by the Agency inspectors, the operator again explained that there is no such thing as pyroprocessing R&D activity and, hence there is no project to study the electrochemical production of uranium metal from spent fuel.
5. The electrochemical cell has been installed and used in JHL and has never been removed since its installation. Thus, the phrase "*the Agency observed that the electrochemical cell had been removed*" is absolutely incorrect.
6. Moreover, there are other incorrect information in the report that we will comment on them through an explanatory note. Once again we are requesting that this specific false information in paragraph 28 of the report be immediately corrected by issuing a corrigendum to the report in order to prevent the misleading the Board of Governors and public at large. In addition it should also be recalled that this false information has been leaked by some elements of the Agency before releasing the report and misused by the western media.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration


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Ambassador & Resident Representative