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AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Note by the Director General

In response to requests made by a representative of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in a letter addressed to the Director General on 9 October, and by representatives of the Governments of France, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the United States of America in three identical letters of the same date, the texts of the letters and of the statements attached thereto are reproduced below.

Text of the letter from the Federal Republic of Germany

"I have the honour to refer to the letter from the delegate of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the President of the XIVth Regular Session of the General Conference which was circulated under cover of the President's note GC(XIV)/INF/127 of 26 September 1970.

"To that letter a statement was attached in which reference was made to the question of GDR membership in the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"I am instructed to bring to your attention the attached statement by my Government.

"I shall be grateful if you will kindly arrange for the distribution of this letter as an official document of the General Conference and to bring it to the notice of the Governments of all Member States of the Agency.

"Annex

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany holds the view that the question of the GDR's membership in the IAEA must await solution until a settlement of the relationship between the two German sides has been reached in agreement with the Four Powers having responsibility for Germany as a whole. The problem of the GDR's representation in intergovernmental organizations is closely connected with the yet unsolved German problem and with the intensive efforts of those directly involved to agree on transitional solutions pending a final peace settlement.

"The GDR's admission to the IAEA could have far-reaching consequences as to GDR access to international conventions and conferences for which accession clauses or participation are open to States members of the UN, its specialized agencies, or the IAEA, or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice (Vienna formula). It follows that fundamental political importance, which goes far beyond the framework or the competence of the IAEA, could attach to admission of the GDR as a Member of the Agency.

"Admission of the GDR to international organizations involves the basic question of representing German interests abroad, a question which will play an important role in inner-German talks that are intended to lead to a settlement between the two parts of Germany. The efforts towards a modus vivendi in Germany would be greatly complicated, and the prospects for an agreed settlement between the two parts of Germany considerably reduced, if during these highly difficult negotiations there were to be outside disturbances, such as a change in the international status of the GDR. The aim of the inner-German negotiations is to contribute not only to a settlement between the two parts of Germany, but also to a reduction of tensions in Europe and better co-operation between East and West. The IAEA and its Members should do all in their power to contribute to the success of these negotiations."

Text of the identical letters from France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

"I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Delegate of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the President of the Fourteenth Regular Session of the General Conference which was circulated under cover of the President's note (GC(XIV)/INF/127) of 26 September 1970. To that letter a statement was attached in which reference was made to the question of GDR membership in the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"I am instructed to bring to your attention the attached statement by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany^{1/}, with which my Government fully agrees.

"I shall be grateful if you will kindly arrange for the distribution of this letter as an official document of the General Conference and to bring it to the notice of the Governments of all Member States of the Agency."

^{1/} See the Annex to the letter from the Federal Republic of Germany reproduced above.

