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Note by the Director General

In response to the request made by the Acting Resident Representative of the United States of America to the Agency in the last sentence of a letter which he addressed to the Director General on 8 October, the text thereof is reproduced below.

"I wish to bring to your attention my Government's displeasure and regret concerning the statement made on 26 September 1975 by the Delegate of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during consideration by the General Conference of agenda item 6 - General Debate and Report for 1974-75, and summarized in document GC(XIX)/OR.182.

"My Government has long held the view that the intrusion of extraneous political issues into the Agency's deliberations is not conducive to the productive execution of its important work. It is our feeling that this belief is widely shared among Member States of the Agency. The statement to which I refer was in no way related to the agenda item under consideration nor indeed to any aspect whatever of the Agency's work. In particular, the charge made by the Delegate of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that the United States is in violation of the Agency's Statute is totally spurious. The seriousness of this charge is not lessened by its absurdity. Member States with long experience in the Agency are well aware that my Government played a leading role in the drafting and realization of the Statute and has been for many years a major contributor to the Agency's activities pursuant to it.

"I would appreciate your bringing this letter to the attention of all Member States of the Agency by means of an information document."

