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## ADDITIONAL ITEM

### **Request by Germany, on behalf of the European Union, for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda**

1. On 14 September 1994, the Director General received from the Resident Representative of Germany a communication whose text reads as follows:

"On behalf of the European Union, the German Government would like to request the inclusion in the agenda for the General Conference's thirty-eighth regular session of an additional item entitled "Measures against illicit trafficking in nuclear material" in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedures of the General Conference.

"The recent increase in illegal sales and transport of nuclear and radioactive material is a matter of grave concern to many Member States and requires effective measures to be undertaken by national governments and international organizations.

"My Government, exercising the presidency of the European Union, therefore considers this to be an issue of an important and urgent character which should be dealt with by the Plenary of the General Conference.

"An explanatory memorandum is attached to this letter. A draft proposal for adoption by the Conference will be submitted in due course."

2. The explanatory memorandum submitted by Germany on behalf of the European Union is attached hereto.



**REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA  
FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE'S THIRTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION  
OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM ENTITLED**

**"MEASURES AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NUCLEAR MATERIAL"**

**Explanatory memorandum submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany  
on behalf of the European Union**

1. The recent increase in illegal sales and transport of nuclear and radioactive material poses risks in the fields of proliferation of nuclear weapons and radiation protection which are of grave concern to many Member States.
2. National governments and international organizations have to take effective measures to overcome the problems involved.
3. While the main responsibility in this field must rest with national governments and authorities, the Agency is already supporting Member States, in particular with regard to the establishment and upgrading of national systems of nuclear material accounting and control.
4. The General Conference should call upon Member States to take all necessary steps in this field. At the same time it should invite the Director General to intensify the current activities of the Agency and to examine, in consultation with a group of experts, additional options, available in conformity with the Agency's mandate, for dealing with the issue of illegal trafficking in nuclear material. Proposals should be submitted by the Director General to the Board of Governors at its December session.

