Text of Communication of 28 August 2003 received from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan concerning Restoration of Voting Rights

The text of a letter dated 28 August 2003 received by the Secretariat from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan is reproduced herewith for the attention of the General Conference.
To: Mr. Gary A. Eidet, Director, Division of Budget and Finance, IAEA
From: Dr. Nelly H. Abylkhozhina, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan
Ref.: N3.31.2-KAZ (2428), 18.03.03.

Dear Mr. Eidet,

I refer to your letter and in respect of credit amounting to USD 13,090 would appreciate this being applied towards the annual instalment payable by Kazakhstan according to the payment plan agreement with the IAEA concluded in 2001.

I thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and has the honour to seek its assistance in facilitating the following:

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan concluded a payment plan agreement with the IAEA in 2001, to settle its Regular Budget arrears within a period of 5 years. Kazakhstan is currently in the third year of this payment plan. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Kazakhstan will, unfortunately, not be in a position to fully meet its financial obligations in accordance with the plan before the start of the General Conference this year.

Despite these unexpected financial difficulties, the Kazakh authorities have, however, already paid a significant sum amounting to $254,720 towards the total amount payable this year under the payment plan agreement. There are firm indications that the balance payable, amounting to $41,351 plus €39,699 will be paid in the near future.

In view of the foregoing and the temporary nature of these difficulties the Government of Kazakhstan seeks to secure its voting rights during this year’s General Conference, and requests exemption under Article XIX (A) of the Agency’s Statute. With regards to future instalment payments, the Government of Kazakhstan intends to continue making these in accordance with the terms of the payment plan agreement.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 27 August 2003.

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