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Text of communication dated 12 September 2007 received from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova concerning restoration of voting rights

The text of a letter dated 12 September 2007 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova addressed to the Director General is reproduced herewith for the attention of the General Conference.



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

*Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister*

Excellency,

Beginning with the membership to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Republic of Moldova has obtained a number of important achievements, realized in cooperation with the Agency.

Following the suggestions made by the experts of the Agency, relevant national authorities drafted a new legislation on settlement of nuclear and radiological activities, including creation of the National Agency for the Regulation of Nuclear and Radiological Activities. A National Register for the Record of ionizing radiation sources and their operators is being implemented. Relevant steps have been undertaken in order to finalize the ratification of the following international acts:

- Amendments VI and XIV to the IAEA Statute;
- Amendment to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials;
- Additional Protocol to the Safeguard Agreement.

The National Nuclear Regulatory body will submit soon all necessary requests for the accession to the IAEA Database on illicit trafficking of radioactive materials and will set up a National Focal Point charged to monitor the physical protection of nuclear materials and to coordinate response operations in case of certain threats caused by illicit proliferation of radioactive substances. Also by the end of this year Moldova will present The National Report on Record of the nuclear materials, as part of our commitments under the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

As you are aware, the Republic of Moldova submitted a realistic plan for debt-payment rescheduling that was officially presented to the IAEA on the 17th of August 2006 and made all necessary payments according to this plan. The first installment and the current year assessed contribution has been made in due time.

Therefore the Government of Moldova is well under way to fulfill its current and historic payments to the IAEA budget and will continue to do so. Taking into account these developments, we would kindly ask you to rise up the subject of rehabilitation of our country voting rights at the IAEA General Conference, scheduled for 17th – 21st of September 2007.

Moldova remaining a trustful partner of the IAEA, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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