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2. As requested by the Permanent Mission, the communication is circulated herewith for information.



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AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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Vienna, October 7, 2014

Excellency,

I am writing in regard to the statement delivered by the delegation of Azerbaijan at the 58th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Yet again the Azerbaijani side leveled ungrounded charges against Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

Without any credible evidence or evidence at all, Azerbaijan claims that the territory of Nagorno Karabakh is used for illegal activities involving nuclear and radiological materials. The territory of the Republic is under full and legitimate control of NK authorities and nothing indicates to the contrary. Also the NK authorities are open for international cooperation and, at any time, such allegations can be easily verified and proved wrong.

As you are well aware, Armenia closely cooperates on a regular basis with the International Atomic Energy Agency with regard to all nuclear energy issues. Numerous IAEA's on-site inspections and assessment missions have reaffirmed Armenia's commitment in implementing its international obligations and the highest level of openness and transparency. The decision on extension of the life cycle of Metsamor NPP was taken by the Armenian Government after thorough consultations with the IAEA and its international partners, and all possible measures will be taken to ensure its safety and security.

Therefore, we rightly assume that Azerbaijani recurrent actions are politically motivated and are aimed at discrediting Armenia's peaceful use of nuclear energy.

In this respect, Director General, we also anticipate that the IAEA would bring in its authoritative opinion in order to dispel the imaginary concerns of the Azerbaijan.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to IAEA member states as GC document.

Sincerely yours,

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Permanent Representative of Armenia

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