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COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Nuclear Transfers

- 1. On 11 May 1994, the Director General received a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the export of nuclear material, equipment and technology.
- 2. The purpose of this note verbale is to provide further information on the nuclear export policies and practices of the Government of the Argentine Republic.
- 3. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the note verbale, the text of the note verbale is annexed hereto.

NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to refer to its notes ns. 108/92, 110/92 and 111/92 concerning the decision of the Government of the Argentine Republic to act in accordance with the Guidelines for nuclear transfers originally published as document INFCIRC/254.

Developments in nuclear technology have brought about the need to further clarify and amend parts of the trigger list which is incorporated in Annex A and Annex B to the Guidelines currently published in document INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part.1. Specifically:

- Section 5 of Annex B of INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part.1 concerning equipment especially designed or prepared for the separation of isotopes of uranium has been clarified and amended;
- Annex A and Annex B of INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part.1 have been amended to include a new entry for plants for the conversion of uranium and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor; and
- Item 1.7 of Section 1 of Annex B of INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part.1 concerning primary coolant pumps has been amended.

In the interest of clarity, the complete text of the resultant modified Annex A and Annex B is reproduced in the attachment.*

The Government of Argentine Republic has decided to act in accordance with the Guidelines so revised.

In reaching this decision, the Government of the Argentine Republic is fully aware of the need to contribute to economic development while avoiding contributing in any way to the dangers of a proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and of the need to remove non-proliferation assurances from the field of commercial competition.

The Government of the Argentine Republic requests that the Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency circulate the text of this note and its enclosure to all Member States for their information.

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

^{*} See the Annex to document INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 1/Mod.2.