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**EXCERPT FROM THE JOINT USA-USSR COMMUNIQUÉ ADOPTED AS A RESULT OF
THE JUNE 1979 MEETING IN VIENNA BETWEEN THE HEADS OF THE TWO
NATIONS AND RELATED TO THE PROBLEM OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

1. During the discussions in the meeting of the Agency's Board of Governors on 26 June 1979, the Governor from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Governor from the United States of America requested the Director General to communicate to all Member States of the Agency an excerpt from the Joint USA-USSR Communiqué adopted as a result of the 15 to 18 June meeting in Vienna between the President of the United States of America and the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, which relates to the problem of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
2. The text of this excerpt is reproduced below for the information of all Member States of the Agency.

**EXCERPT FROM THE JOINT US-USSR COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED IN
VIENNA, 18 JUNE 1979**

The two sides reaffirmed the importance they attach to nuclear non-proliferation. They consistently advocate the further strengthening of the regime of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and confirm their resolve to continue to comply strictly with the obligations they have assumed under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons[1]. They stressed the importance of applying comprehensive international safeguards under the International Atomic Energy Agency and pledged to continue their efforts to strengthen these safeguards.

They noted the profound threat posed to world security by the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and agreed that the states already possessing nuclear weapons bear a special responsibility to demonstrate restraint. To this end, they affirmed their joint conviction that further efforts are needed, including on a regional basis, and expressed the hope that the SALT II Treaty will make an important contribution toward non-proliferation objectives.

Both sides further committed themselves to close co-operation, along with other countries, to insure a successful conclusion to the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 1980, and called upon all states which have not already done so to sign and ratify the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

[1] Reproduced in document INFCIRC/140.