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## LETTER OF 20 NOVEMBER 1985 ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL BY THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL

The attached letter of 20 November 1985 to the Director General from the Resident Representative of Israel is being circulated to all Member States pursuant to a request in the Resident Representative's letter.

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ATTACHMENT

LETTER OF 20 NOVEMBER 1985

"Sir,

"With reference to document INFCIRC/328 of 28 October 1985 containing a message from a Commissioner of the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission addressed to the Director General of the IAEA, I have been instructed to inform you that it would be useful for the record to reiterate the declared policy of the Government of Israel in support of the inviolability from military attack of nuclear facilities dedicated to peaceful purposes. Israel's position was clearly set out in the letter of 23 September 1985 from the Resident Representative of Israel to Your Excellency and the statement of the Director General of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission on 26 September 1985 at the 29th regular session of the General Conference.

"While Israel abstained in the vote on the draft resolution in document GC(XXIX)/765/Rev. 2, the delegate of Israel, in explaining his vote, explicitly stated that Israel accepted the substance of paragraphs 3 and 4 of that resolution. With the rejection of the draft resolution in document GX(XXIX)/764 and the adoption of the draft resolution in document GC(XXIX)/765/Rev. 2, the General Conference of the IAEA clearly expressed its determination to conclude the discussion of the item in question within the IAEA. However, we note with regret that Iraq insists on resuscitating the issue within the IAEA and has also attempted to enlist the help of the General Assembly of the United Nations to this end. We trust that the Member States share Israel's view and will resist any such attempt.

"Israel does not believe that it would serve any useful purpose to comment on the extraneous matters raised in document INFCIRC/328, which are not within the terms of reference of the IAEA.

"I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated to all Member States."

(signed) D. Ranen  
Resident Representative

Dr. Hans Blix  
Director General  
IAEA