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The attached communication received from the Resident Representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the Agency is being circulated to Member States as requested in that communication by the Ministers for External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Argentine Republic.

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ATTACHMENT

**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL BY THE
MINISTERS FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

The Ministers for External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Argentine Republic, Fernando Henrique Cardoso and Guido di Tella, present their compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and have the honour to inform him that at a ceremony held on 9 December 1992 in Rio de Janeiro they officially inaugurated the headquarters of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC).

The objective of the ABACC is to administer and implement a common system of accounting and control to be applied to nuclear materials used for all the countries' nuclear activities with a view to guaranteeing their undertaking to use nuclear energy exclusively for peaceful purposes. The event represents a decisive step as part of the initiatives of Brazil and Argentina to guarantee the transparency of their activities in this area.

The two Ministers for External Relations request that this information be circulated among the countries represented in the International Atomic Energy Agency.