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**COMMUNICATION OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1997 FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

1. The Director General has received a note verbale of 16 September 1997 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia providing information about the nuclear export policies and practices of the Government of Latvia.
2. In the light of the wish expressed in the note verbale, its text is attached hereto.

**TEXT OF NOTE VERBALE OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1997 RECEIVED
FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LATVIA**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to provide information on its Government's nuclear export policies and practices.

The Government of Latvia has decided by establishing the National Export Control System in 1 July 1995 that, when considering the transfer of nuclear material, equipment and related technology, including nuclear related dual-use equipment, material and related technology, it will act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Part 1 and Part 2, as well as pertinent guidelines and their annexes.

In reaching this decision, the Government of the Republic of Latvia 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 the need to remove non-proliferation assurances from the fields of commercial competition.

The Government of Latvia requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate the text of this note to all IAEA Member States for their information and as a demonstration of support by the Republic of Latvia for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.