Communication received from China Concerning its Policies regarding the Management of Plutonium

1. The Secretariat has received a letter, dated 26 June 2003, from the Permanent Mission of China to the IAEA in the enclosure of which the Government of China, in keeping with its commitment under the Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998 and hereinafter referred to as the “Guidelines”), and in accordance with Annex B of the Guidelines, has made available information on its national holdings of civil unirradiated plutonium as of 31 December 2002.

2. In light of the request expressed by China in its Note Verbale of 1 December 1997 concerning its policies regarding the management of plutonium (INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998), the enclosure of the letter of 26 June 2003 is attached for the information of all Member States.
**People’s Republic of China**

**ANNUAL FIGURES FOR HOLDINGS OF CIVIL UNIRRADIATED PLUTONIUM**

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<th>National Totals</th>
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1. Unirradiated separated plutonium in product stores at reprocessing plants.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)

2. Unirradiated separated plutonium in the course of manufacture or fabrication and plutonium contained in unirradiated semi-fabricated or unfinished products at fuel or other fabricating plants or elsewhere.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)

3. Plutonium contained in unirradiated MOX fuel or other fabricated products at reactor sites or elsewhere.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)

4. Unirradiated separated plutonium held elsewhere.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)

**Note:**

(i) Plutonium including in 1-4 above belonging to foreign bodies.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)

(ii) Plutonium in any of the forms in lines 1-4 above held in locations in other countries and therefore not included above.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)

(iii) Plutonium including in lines 1-4 above which is in international shipment prior to its arrival in the recipient State.  
   ____ Non ____ ( ____ Non ____)