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1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 10 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Agency.
2. As requested, the communication is circulated herewith for information.

Note Verbale 38/15

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the International Organisations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to attach the text of the statement delivered by the United Kingdom Governor at the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors on 8 June 2015 in connection with the Annual Report for 2014:

"I fully support the remarks that were made by the distinguished representative of Latvia on behalf of the European Union, and I would like to make some additional remarks in a national capacity.

"I would also like to respond to the statement made by the distinguished Governor of the Russian Federation.

"We thank the Director General for the Annual Report and its annexes. We regret that the Russian delegation has chosen to politicise the discussion of this issue.

"We consider that the wording in the Annual Report and its annexes is an accurate reflection of the situation in Crimea, and do not therefore support the Russian delegation's request to change it.

"The United Kingdom remains firmly committed to Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. We do not and will not recognise the illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia.

"We therefore welcome the IAEA's position of continuing to implement safeguards in accordance with the IAEA Statute and international law."

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom requests that this Note Verbale be circulated as an IAEA Information Circular.

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy the assurances of its highest consideration.

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