

## Information Circular

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### Communication dated 12 June 2015 received from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 12 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Agency.
2. As requested, the communication is circulated herewith for information.



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The Permanent Mission of Australia to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the IAEA and has the honour to attach the text of a statement delivered by the Governor of Australia at the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors on 8 June 2015, in connection with the Annual Report for 2014:

*"Madam Chair*

*Australia thanks the Director General for submitting a comprehensive Annual Report, and its Annexes, which we support conveying as drafted to the General Conference.*

*It is regrettable that, in its comments today on the Annual Report, the Russian Federation has chosen to politicize the work of the Agency, which should be allowed to concentrate on its technical mandate.*

*Australia strongly supports the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine.*

*We recall that the application of safeguards in Ukraine was raised within the Agency last year. At that time Director General made clear that the Secretariat would "continue to implement safeguards in accordance with the IAEA statute and international law". We fully support the Director General's approach.*

*Thank you."*

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

The Permanent Mission of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the IAEA the assurances of its highest consideration.

VIENNA, 12 June 2015



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