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NOTIFICATION TO THE AGENCY OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

On 16 February 1984 the Director General received a letter dated 7 February 1984 from the Governor from France on the Agency's Board of Governors informing him that, in the interest of assisting the Agency in its safeguards activities, the Government of France had decided to provide it henceforth with information on exports and imports of nuclear material. In the light of the request made in this letter, its text is reproduced below.

“I am pleased to inform you that my Government, in the interest of assisting the IAEA in its safeguards activities, has decided that the Agency should be provided on a continuing basis with the following information:

- “(1) With respect to the anticipated export of nuclear material (excluding exports of source material for non-nuclear purposes), in an amount exceeding one effective kilogram, for peaceful purposes to any non-nuclear-weapon State:
 - “(a) The organization or company which will prepare the nuclear material for export;
 - “(b) The description, and if possible the expected composition and quantity, of nuclear material in the anticipated export;
 - “(c) The State and organization or company to which the nuclear material is to be exported and, where applicable (i.e. in those cases in which nuclear material is processed further in a second State before retransfer to a third State), the State and organization or company of ultimate destination.

“The foregoing information will be provided normally at least ten days prior to export of the material by my country; confirmation of each export, including actual quantity and composition and date of shipment, will be provided promptly after shipment;

“(2) With respect to each import, in an amount greater than one effective kilogram, of nuclear material which, immediately prior to export, is subject to safeguards, under an agreement with the IAEA, in the State from which the material is imported:

“(a) The State and organization or company from which the nuclear material is received;

“(b) The description, composition and quantity of nuclear material in the shipment.

The information described above will be provided as soon as possible after receipt of the material.

“It is intended that the provision of the information described above will be initiated as soon as possible. The details of these arrangements can be discussed with you or your staff whenever convenient.

“My Government would appreciate this information being brought to the attention of all Members of the Agency by means of an information circular.”