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COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS REGARDING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL

1. On 25 October 1978 the Director General received a letter dated 10 October 1978 from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria, relating to the commitments of this Member under Article III, paragraph 2, of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons[1].
2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of this letter, its text is reproduced below.

10 October 1978

I have the honour to refer to Memorandum B enclosed with the letter of 2 February 1976 in which the Austrian Federal Government informed you that it had decided to act in accordance with certain procedures in relation to exports of nuclear material and of certain categories of equipment and other material, and which you circulated to all Members of the Agency as document INFCIRC/209/Add.8. The Austrian Federal Government has instructed me to inform you that it is now its intention to act in accordance with that Memorandum amended as follows:

- a. Paragraph 2.1.6 to read "Zirconium tubes: Zirconium metal and alloys in the form of tubes or assemblies of tubes, and in quantities exceeding 500 kg per year, especially designed or prepared for use in a reactor as defined in paragraph 2.1.1 above and in which the relationship of hafnium to zirconium is less than 1:500 parts by weight".
- b. A new paragraph following paragraph 2.5.1 to read "2.6.1. Plants for the production of heavy water, deuterium and deuterium compounds and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor".

[1] Reproduced in document INFCIRC/140.

- c. A new sentence following the first sentence of paragraph F of the Annex to read
"Such items include: -

gaseous diffusion barriers
gaseous diffuser housings
gas centrifuge assemblies, corrosion resistant to UF₆
jet nozzle separation units
vortex separation units
large UF₆ corrosion-resistant axial or centrifugal compressors
special compressor seals for such compressors .

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of all Members of the Agency.