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**COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN MEMBER STATES REGARDING  
GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL,  
EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**A communication received from Finland**

1. On 1 February 1980 the Director General received a letter dated 28 January 1980 from the Resident Representative of Finland to the Agency with a Note concerning communications received from 15 Member States and circulated in document INFCIRC/254, about guidelines for the export of nuclear material, equipment or technology.

2. In accordance with the request made by the Resident Representative of Finland in his letter, the text of the Note is reproduced below for the information of all Members.

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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Director General.

The Government of Finland has noted the communications of 15 Member States in document INFCIRC/254 concerning principles and guidelines which these countries will follow in their nuclear export policies. The adoption of these guidelines is in the view of the Finnish Government a significant contribution to the efforts to create an appropriate framework for the further development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy under effective safeguards.

In the communications mentioned above the States concerned have expressed the hope that other Governments may decide to follow similar nuclear export policies. In view of this and in accordance with its continuous support to the strengthening of the existing non-proliferation regime, the Government of Finland has decided to base its nuclear export policy on the criteria set forth in the guidelines. As the lack of appropriate legislation does not allow for a full and immediate implementation of all the criteria, the Government of Finland has equally decided to effect the requisite changes in the legislation to allow for a full implementation of the guidelines in the future.

In making this decision the Government of Finland is fully aware that at present international exchanges in the field of nuclear energy are to an increasing extent characterized

by a complex system of safeguards requirements and overlapping controls, which have brought along various administrative and technical difficulties for importing countries. It would therefore be desirable that efforts be made towards the simplification of the existing safeguards procedures in a way that would not affect their efficiency. This would best be achieved by a system of uniform safeguards requirements based on the IAEA safeguards system and applied to all nuclear activities in all non-nuclear-weapon States.

The Government of Finland requests the Director General to circulate the text of this Note to all Member States for information.

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General the assurances of its highest consideration.