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## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FRANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

1. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of France providing information on the policies and practices of the Government of France with respect to the export of nuclear material, equipment and technology.
2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the Note Verbale, the text of the Note Verbale is attached. The attachment to the Note Verbale was issued previously as INFCIRC/254/Rev. 4/Part 1.

**MISSION PERMANENTE DE LA FRANCE  
auprès de  
L'OFFICE DES NATIONS UNIES  
ET DES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES  
A VIENNE**

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The Permanent Mission of France presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to provide further information on its government's nuclear export policies and practices.

The Government of France has decided that the fundamental principles for safeguards and export controls of the Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers set out in INFCIRC/254/Rev.3/Part 1, as amended should include plants for the conversion of plutonium and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor, in the light of developments in nuclear technology.

Accordingly, the following changes were made to the text of the Annexes:

- Annex A of the Guidelines includes amendments to Item 2.7.
- Annex B of the Guidelines includes:
  - 1) a new Item 7., 7.1.9. and 7.2 ;
  - 2) amendments to Item 7 involving renumbering to Item 7. 1;
  - 3) the renumbering of subsequent items
  - 4) the movement of Items 3.5 and 3.6 to Item 7.2. involving amendments and renumbering to Items 7.2.1 and 7.2.2. respectively.

The Government of France has decided to amend the reference descriptions to INFCIRC/254/Part 2 to avoid future inconsistent references whenever revisions to related items of INFCIRC/254/Part 2 were conducted.

To the Director General  
of the International Atomic  
Energy Agency  
VIENNA

Accordingly, the following changes were made to the text of Annex B;

- The Explanatory Notes of Items 5.7.2., 5.7.13., 5.8.; and 5.8.4. were amended.

In the interest of clarity, the complete text of the Guidelines including the modified Annexes is reproduced in the attachment.

The Government of France has decided to act in accordance with the Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers so revised.

In reaching this decision, the Government of France is fully aware of the need to contribute to economic development while avoiding contributing in any way to the dangers of a proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and of the need to remove non-proliferation assurances from the field of commercial competition.

The Government of France, so far as trade within the European Union is concerned, will implement this decision in the light of its commitments as a Member State of the Union.

The Government of France would be grateful if the Director General will bring this Note and its attachment to the attention of all Members States of the IAEA.

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

