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## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND 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 Finland providing information on the export policies and practices of the Government of Finland 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.



**PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND  
TO THE IAEA**

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**VERBAL NOTE**

The Permanent Mission of Finland 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 Finland 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 Finland 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.

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.

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To the Director General  
of the International Atomic Energy Agency  
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In the interest of clarity, the complete text of the Guidelines including the modified Annexes is reproduced in the attachment.

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

In reaching this decision, the Government of Finland 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 Finland, 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 Finland would be grateful if the Director General will bring this Note and its attachment to the attention of all Member States of the IAEA

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

Vienna, 1 February 2000



Enclosure