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# Agreement of 6 November 1978 between Jamaica and the Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

## **An agreement by Exchange of Letters with Jamaica to rescind the Protocol to the Safeguards Agreement**

1. The text of the Exchange of Letters, constituting an agreement to rescind the Protocol<sup>1</sup> to the Agreement between Jamaica and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>2</sup>, is reproduced in this document for the information of all Member States of the Agency.
2. The rescission agreed upon in the Exchange of Letters entered into force on 15 December 2006, the date on which the Agency received Jamaica's affirmative reply.

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<sup>1</sup> Referred to as the "Small Quantities Protocol"

<sup>2</sup> Reproduced in document INFCIRC/265



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND FOREIGN TRADE  
JAMAICA

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22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006

Excellency,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006, advising that the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency has proposed to rescind Jamaica's Small Quantities Protocol (SQP), which is no longer operational, owing to the fact that Jamaica has a facility containing nuclear material.

I wish to advise that the Government of Jamaica accepts the proposal of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors that Jamaica's Small Quantities Protocol, concluded in connection with Jamaica's Safeguards Agreement be rescinded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Hylton', written over the printed name.

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Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between your Government and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (hereinafter referred to as the "Safeguards Agreement") and Protocol thereto, which entered into force on 6 November 1978, as well as to the decision of the IAEA Board of Governors of 20 September 2005 related to such protocols.

In his report entitled "Strengthening Safeguards Implementation in States with Small Quantities Protocols" (GOV/2005/33, dated 13 May 2005), the IAEA Director General drew the Board of Governors' attention to the IAEA's limited authority to verify nuclear material and activities in States with Small Quantities Protocols (SQPs). The Board agreed with the Director General's assessment and, on the basis of the Director General's report, concluded that the SQP in its present form was a weakness in the IAEA's safeguards system. It decided that the SQP should remain part of the IAEA's safeguards system, subject to the modifications in the standardized text, and the change in the criteria for a small quantities protocol, as proposed in the Director General's report.

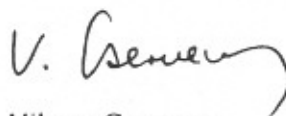
In accordance with the modified criteria, as contemplated in paragraph 7 of GOV/2005/33, States with planned or existing facilities are no longer eligible for an SQP. The Board authorized the Director General to conclude exchanges of letters giving effect to the modified criteria, and called upon the States concerned to conclude such exchanges of letters as soon as possible.

While the existing SQP concluded in connection with Jamaica's Safeguards Agreement is no longer operational, owing to the fact that your country has a facility containing nuclear material, we are nevertheless charged to implement the Board's decision in this regard. Since, under the modified criteria, Jamaica is no longer eligible for an SQP, it is therefore proposed in accordance with the decision of the Board of Governors, to rescind that SQP.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your Government's affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between Jamaica and the IAEA to rescind Jamaica's SQP. Such rescission would be effective on the date that the IAEA receives that reply.

This letter replaces my earlier letter of 14 December 2005.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Vilmos Cserveny

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for DIRECTOR GENERAL