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Agreement between the Republic of Malta and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

An Agreement by Exchange of Letters with the Republic of Malta to rescind the Protocol to the Safeguards Agreement

1. The text of the Exchange of Letters, constituting an agreement to rescind the Protocol¹ to the Agreement between the Republic of Malta and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons², 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 1 September 2021, the date of the Agency's reply to the Republic of Malta confirming the rescission.

¹ Referred to as the "Small Quantities Protocol".

² Reproduced in document INFCIRC/387.



**MINISTERU GHALL-AFFARIJJIET
BARRANIN U EWROPEJ**

PALAZZO PARISIO, TRIQ IL-MERKANTI, VALLETTA, MALTA

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 31 March 2021 proposing to amend the Protocol to the Agreement between the Republic of Malta and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("Small Quantities Protocol") in line with the decision of the IAEA Board of Governors of September 2005 regarding such protocols.

Further to your above-referenced letter, I am pleased to inform you that the Republic of Malta has decided to rescind instead of amending the above-mentioned Small Quantities Protocol. Therefore, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Malta, I should like to propose hereby that the aforementioned Small Quantities Protocol be rescinded.

If this proposal is acceptable to the IAEA, this letter and the IAEA's affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between the Republic of Malta and the IAEA to rescind the Small Quantities Protocol.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Evarist Bartolo

Minister for Foreign and European Affairs

Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi
Director General of the IAEA

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

1 September 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter which I received on 26 August 2021, which reads as follows:

"I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 31 March 2021 proposing to amend the Protocol to the Agreement between the Republic of Malta and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("Small Quantities Protocol") in line with the decision of the IAEA Board of Governors of September 2005 regarding such protocols.

Further to your above-referenced letter, I am pleased to inform you that the Republic of Malta has decided to rescind instead of amending the above-mentioned Small Quantities Protocol. Therefore, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Malta, I should like to propose hereby that the aforementioned Small Quantities Protocol be rescinded.

If this proposal is acceptable to the IAEA, this letter and the IAEA's affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between the Republic of Malta and the IAEA to rescind the Small Quantities Protocol."

I am pleased to confirm that your proposal is acceptable to the IAEA and that therefore the Protocol (Small Quantities Protocol) to the Agreement between the Republic of Malta and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is rescinded as of 1 September 2021, the date of this letter.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Rafael Mariano Grossi

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