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1. The text of a letter of 30 June 1992 from the Vice-President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran was transmitted to the Director General by the Resident Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran and is, as requested in the letter, being circulated for the information of all Member States in Annex 1.
2. Since a reference has been made in that letter to an IAEA mission to Iran earlier this year, the Director General considers it appropriate to also bring to the attention of all Member States an official Press Release dated 14 February 1992 issued by the IAEA setting out the nature and results of that mission. Attention is drawn particularly to the third paragraph of the Press Release which is contained in Annex 2.

**TEXT OF A LETTER OF 30 JUNE 1992 TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
FROM THE CIVILIAN PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
AND PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN**

Dear Sir,

I refer to the recent remarks made by the Commander of the Israeli Air Force in which he threatens to take military action against nuclear installations of Iran. To justify this blatant threat he notes, with amazing foresight, that Iran would acquire nuclear weapons within the next ten years!

Such ludicrous allegations against Iran, as you are well aware, are of course completely groundless. The evidence of our entirely peaceful nuclear programmes is in the findings of the IAEA mission which visited Iran some time ago. During the visit of the said mission, headed by the IAEA Deputy Director General in charge of Safeguards, no evidence was found to indicate that the nuclear installations and programmes of Iran are anything but peaceful.

Therefore, such allegations and threats, perpetrated by a regime well-known for its entirely non-peaceful and uncontrolled nuclear programmes, against a State party to the NPT and under full-scope safeguards regime of the IAEA, is but another ploy to prevent the establishment of peace in the sensitive area of the Middle East. Indeed, we should remember that, Israel thrives on violence and cannot survive, or justify its existence, in peace.

The Israeli regime is currently isolated by its refusal to become a party to the NPT and is further singled out by persistently rejecting the application of IAEA comprehensive safeguards to its nuclear activities. This isolation forces the said regime to resort to the above-mentioned false allegations and threats in order to justify its own blatant defiance of internationally accepted means of control and verification.

Therefore, we believe that at a time when States not party to the NPT are becoming parties to this Treaty in an increasing number and when the Agency methods of verification are finding wider acceptability, the isolated stance of Israel cannot, and indeed should not, be tolerated by the international community.

In this respect, of course, international pressure should be brought to bear against Israel and its mindless militaristic policies and ambitions.

Israel, with its present policies of non-peaceful applications of nuclear energy, remains the sole and major threat preventing the establishment of peace and stability in the sensitive region of the Middle East and indeed the world. Internationally co-ordinated initiatives are required to defuse this threat particularly at a time when the world is most in need of peace and stability and thus cannot afford the adventurous policies of such isolated regimes in defiance of the wishes of the international communities.

We request that this letter be circulated for the information of all Member States.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) Reza Amrollhi,

Vice President of I.R. of Iran &
President of A.E.O.I.

TEXT OF IAEA PRESS RELEASE 92/11 OF 14 FEBRUARY 1992

IAEA VISIT TO IRAN

At the invitation of the President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran a Team of four members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Secretariat headed by Mr. Jon Jennekens, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Safeguards, visited Iran during the period 7-12 February 1992 inclusive.

The purpose of the visit was to enable the Team to familiarize itself with the current status of the Iranian Nuclear Research and Development Programme and in particular to discuss with Iranian officials present and possible future technical assistance and cooperation projects, the state of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Project on which construction ceased in 1979 and the scope and objectives of research and development activities underway at the Esfahan Nuclear Technology Centre, the Tehran Nuclear Research Centre and the Karaj Agricultural and Medical Research Centre. In addition, visits were made to the site of a uranium exploration project at Saghand in Yazd Province and a facility under construction in the mountains north of Tehran near Mo'Allem Kalayeh. All of the facilities and sites selected by the IAEA for inclusion in the visit were accepted by the Iranian Authorities. In arranging the necessary transportation and availability of personnel all reasonable assistance and cooperation was extended to the Team by the Iranian Authorities.

The activities reviewed by the Team at the above-mentioned facilities and sites were found to be consistent with the peaceful application of nuclear energy and ionizing radiation. It should be clear that the Team's conclusions are limited to facilities and sites visited by it and are of relevance only to the time of the Team's visit.

The Islamic Republic of Iran ratified the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on 2 February 1970. Under a safeguards agreement with the Agency which entered into force on 15 May 1974 routine safeguards inspections are carried out at the Tehran Research Reactor which is located at the Tehran Nuclear Research Centre.