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### **COMMUNICATIONS DATED 15 AND 22 MARCH 1994 RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

1. The Director General has received notes verbales dated 15 and 22 March 1994 from the Permanent Mission of South Africa providing information on the nuclear export policies and practices of the Government of South Africa. These notes verbales contain, in their attachments, copies of the relevant legislation and other documentation pertaining to South Africa's policy to act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 1 and INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 1/Mod.1 and INFCIRC.254/Rev.1/Part 2 as amended. The documents are available on request from the Secretariat of the IAEA.

2. In the light of the requests expressed in both notes verbales, the texts of the notes verbales are attached hereto.

## NOTE VERBALE

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

The Government of South Africa has decided that, when considering the transfer of nuclear-related dual-use equipment, material and related technology, it will act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Rev.1 /Part 1, INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 1/Mod.1 and INFCIRC/254/Rev. 1/Part 2 as amended. The attached documents outline the provisions in accordance with which the Government of South Africa will act.

In reaching this decision, the Government of South Africa 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 fields of commercial competition.

The Government of South Africa hopes that other governments may also decide to base their own export policies regarding nuclear-related dual-use equipment, material and related technology upon these documents.

The Government of South Africa requests that the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency should circulate the texts of this letter and the documents concerned to all Member Governments for their information and as a demonstration of support by the Government of South Africa for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguarded activities.

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

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15 March 1994

## **NOTE VERBALE**

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

With reference to the Permanent Mission's Note Verbale of 15 March 1994, please revise the second paragraph to read: "The Government of South Africa has decided that, when considering the transfer of nuclear material, equipment or technology, and nuclear-related dual-use equipment, material and technology, it will act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Rev. 1 /Part 1, INFCIRC/254/Rev. 1 /Part 1/Mod.1 and INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 2 as amended". The other paragraphs of the above-mentioned Note Verbale remain unchanged.

The Government of South Africa requests that the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency should circulate the text of this Note to all Member Governments for their information and as a demonstration of support by the Government of South Africa for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguarded activities.

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

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22 March 1994