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COMMUNIQUE DATED 31 MARCH 1994 BY THE GREEK PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The attached text of the Communiqué of 31 March 1994 of the Greek Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the nuclear problem in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is being brought to the attention of all Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency at the request of the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the permanent Mission of Greece.

COMMUNIQUE OF THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA 31 MARCH 1994

The European Union expresses its deep concern that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has failed to allow IAEA inspectors to complete inspection activities, agreed between the DPRK and the Agency on 15 February 1994, increasing thus the extent of its non-compliance with the provisions of the Safeguards Agreement under DPRK's commitment to the N.P.T.

The European Union fully supports the IAEA Board of Governors' Resolution of 21 March 1994, recalling in particular para 3 in which the Board of Governors strongly endorses and commends the patient and impartial efforts of the Director General and the Secretariat to implement the Safeguards Agreement, and recalling para 6 in which the Director-General of the IAEA is requested to transmit this resolution and his report to the Security Council in accordance with article XII.C of the IAEA Statute.

The European Union considers nuclear proliferation as a major threat to international peace and security and recalls its long standing commitment to the aims of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Therefore, we urge the DPRK immediately and fully to comply with the IAEA-DPRK Safeguards Agreement. We also urge the DPRK to enter into discussions with the Republic of Korea for the implementation of the Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

The European Union reiterates that prospects for a better relationship with the DPRK would be greatly enhanced if concerns over North Korea's nuclear activities and intentions could be alleviated.

The European Union calls upon the DPRK to display a responsible attitude and to refrain from its present position which constitutes a threat to pace, stability and security on the Korean peninsula and in the whole region.