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STATEMENT ISSUED ON 30 JANUARY 1995 BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACESSION OF ALGERIA TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The attached statement was issued on 30 January 1995 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union in connection with Algeria's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The Statement was received from the Resident Representative of France to the International Atomic Energy Agency and is being circulated for the information of all Member States.

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The European Union welcomes the deposit by Algeria on 12 January of its instrument of accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear-weapon State.

The European Union stresses that it is now important for Algeria to conclude a comprehensive safeguards agreement covering all its nuclear activities, in order to comply fully with the obligations arising from accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. It invites Algeria to initiate negotiations with the IAEA to this end without delay.

The European Union takes this opportunity of reiterating its commitment to the goal of universal accession to the NPT and urges all States which have not yet done so to accede to the NPT as non-nuclear-weapon States.

The countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the Union support this statement.