Communications received from certain Member States concerning their Policies regarding the Management of Plutonium

1. The Director General has received a note verbale, dated 23 January 2007, from the Permanent Mission of Germany to the IAEA; notes verbales, dated 1 February 2007, from Permanent Missions of China, France, Japan, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the IAEA; a note verbale, dated 7 February 2007, from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the IAEA; and a note verbale, dated 22 October 2008, from the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the IAEA, stating that in order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear material, their Governments will apply a revised version of paragraph 7 of the “Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium” published in document INFCIRC/549.

2. In light of the request expressed in the notes verbales, the texts of the notes verbales are enclosed for the information of all Member States.
NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the "Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium" (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of Germany will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the "Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium" published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of Germany will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the "Levels of Physical Protection" attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

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The Government of Germany requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

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

Vienna, 23 January 2007
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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the "Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium" (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of the People's Republic of China will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the "Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium" published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of the People's Republic of China will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the "Levels of Physical Protection" attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

The Government of the People's Republic of China requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna 1 February 2007

Director General
International Atomic Energy Agency
Vienna
The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and the international organizations presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and, with reference to Communication received from Certain Member States concerning their Policies regarding the Management of Plutonium (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549), has the honour to bring the following to his attention.

In order to take account of recent developments in the field of physical protection of nuclear material, the French Government will apply the revised version set out below of paragraph 7 of the Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of the French Republic will apply as appropriate the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and the note on “Levels of Physical Protection” attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC 225 as amended.

The French Government would be grateful if the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency would circulate this note for information purposes to all Member States.

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and the international organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity of reiterating to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the “Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium” (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of Japan will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the “Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium” published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of Japan will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the “Levels of Physical Protection” attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

The Government of Japan requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

1 February 2007
Vienna
To the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency
The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the international organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and, with reference to the IAEA document “Communication received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium” (INFCIRC/549), has the honour to state the following.

In order to take into account the recent changes which have taken place with regard to the physical protection of nuclear material, the Government of the Russian Federation will apply the following revised wording of paragraph 7 of the IAEA document “Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium” (INFCIRC/549):

"7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of the Russian Federation will apply as appropriate the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and the note on “Levels of Physical Protection” attached to this document as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations, set forth in the IAEA document “Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities” (INFCIRC/225/Rev.4), bearing in mind that it may be revised”.

The Government of the Russian Federation requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this letter to all Member States for information purposes.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the international organizations in Vienna takes this opportunity of reiterating to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest esteem.

1 February 2007

Director General
IAEA, Vienna
Ref: KG/1/JET

Note No 22/2007

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the "Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium" (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of Switzerland will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the "Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium" published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of Switzerland will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the "Levels of Physical Protection" attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

The Government of Switzerland requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

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

Vienna, February 1 2007

IAEA Vienna
Note No: 13/07

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the "Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium" (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of the United Kingdom will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the "Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium" published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of the United Kingdom will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the "Levels of Physical Protection" attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

The Government of the United Kingdom requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

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

UNITED KINGDOM MISSION
VIENNA

F February 2007
NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the "Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium" (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of the United States of America will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the "Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium" published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of the United States of America will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the "Levels of Physical Protection" attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

The Government of the United States of America requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

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

Vienna, February 7, 2007
NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Belgium presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the "Communications received from certain Member States concerning their policies regarding the management of plutonium" (published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549) has the honour to state the following.

In order to reflect recent developments with regard to the physical protection of nuclear materials, the Government of Belgium will apply the following revised version of paragraph 7 of the "Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium" published by the IAEA in document INFCIRC/549:

7. In applying measures for the physical protection of plutonium in use, storage or transport (including international transport), the Government of Belgium will apply, as appropriate, the requirements of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the note on the "Levels of Physical Protection" attached to this paper as Annex A, taking account of the recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/225 as revised.

The Government of Belgium requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all Member States for their information.

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

Vienna, 22.10.2008