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Communication of 20 October 2003 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia to the International Atomic Energy Agency regarding Estonia's Nuclear Policies and Practices

1. The Director General has received a note verbale of 20 October 2003 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia providing information about the nuclear policies and practices of the Republic of Estonia.
2. In light of the wish expressed in the note verbale, its text is attached hereto.

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NOTE VERBALE

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The Permanent Mission of Estonia to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to transmit this communication concerning Estonia's nuclear policies and practices.

Estonia adheres to major international nuclear non-proliferation agreements in this field - the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials, Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency and Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. These form Estonia's national nuclear non-proliferation policies.

In November 11, 1997 Estonia signed its Full-Scope Safeguards Agreement with IAEA. In January 1, 1996 Estonia established the state system on accounting, control and physical protection of nuclear materials. In June 16, 1999 Estonia adopted the Export Control Law, which further strengthened government control over transfers of strategic materials, including nuclear material.

In establishing its National Export Control System in April 6, 1994 decided to respect and act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Part 1 and Part 2 as amended, with regard to any transfer of nuclear material, equipment and related technology, including nuclear related dual-use equipment, materials, software and related technology.

The Permanent Mission of Estonia to the International Organizations in Vienna requests the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all IAEA Member States for their information and as evidence of Estonia's support for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

The Permanent Mission of Estonia 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.



Vienna, October 20, 2003

To the Director-General of the
International Atomic Energy Agency