

## Information Circular

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# Communication dated 1 February 2005 from the Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement of Egypt

The Director General has received a Note Verbale dated 1 February 2005 from the Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt, concerning implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement of Egypt, attaching the text of a Press Statement dated 25 January 2005.

The Note Verbale and, as requested therein, the Press Statement, are reproduced herewith for the information of Member States.



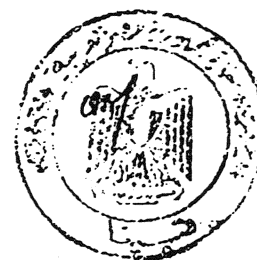
EMBASSY  
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT  
PERMANENT MISSION TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS  
VIENNA

February 1, 2005  
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## NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, and wishes to request the Secretariat to circulate the attached Press Release on the implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement of Egypt as an INFCIRC, to all Member States.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna the assurances of its highest consideration.



To the  
International Atomic Energy Agency  
IAEA  
Vienna

## UN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION

### PRESS STATEMENT

- 1- Egypt is fully committed to its undertakings and obligations in accordance with the Treaty on the Non - Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement concluded with the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- 2- Egypt's nuclear activities are strictly for peaceful purposes in accordance with the Non – Proliferation Treaty, and are subject to the IAEA inspections in accordance with the Safeguards Agreement. Related research experiments and their results have been regularly published in Egyptian and international scientific journals.
- 3- Differing interpretations of some aspects of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, especially with regard to the developments that have occurred in the Safeguards System since the mid 1990's, have resulted in not reporting to the Agency, in an appropriate and timely manner, a number of research experiments and activities. Such activities, most of which took place in the distant past, are consistent with the NPT.
- 4- Egypt is cooperating with the IAEA, in a full, transparent and forthcoming manner, to rectify this situation. In this regard, Egypt understands that the Agency is aware of the limited scope of the issue. Likewise, we note that throughout our discussion the Agency values the level of cooperation Egypt is extending and its desire to bring the issue, in all its aspects, to a speedy conclusion.
- 5- Egypt is availing itself of the expertise of the Agency in enhancing the capabilities of national agencies responsible for the implementation of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, especially with regard to the developments that occurred during the past years in the Safeguard System. This process will continue in the future in a way that ensures Egypt's continued implementation of its commitments in accordance with its Safeguards Agreement.
- 6- Egypt reaffirms its position of principle, which calls for the universality of the NPT and for all nuclear installations in the Middle East be placed under the IAEA Safeguards System.

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005