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Communication received from the United States of America concerning the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and the Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources

The Director General has received a letter dated 2 May 2005 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America concerning the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and the Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources. As requested in that letter, it is attached herewith for the information of Member States.



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Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei
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Dear Mr. ElBaradei:

In October 2003, the United States of America communicated to the IAEA the political commitment of the United States to work toward following the guidance contained in the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources Code, IAEA/CODEOC/2004.

We wish to inform you that, in furtherance of that political commitment, the U.S. has decided to act in accordance with the non-legally binding Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources Guidance, IAEA/CODEOC/IMPEXP/20051 beginning December 31, 2005. The U.S. intends to do so for sources and programs covered by the Guidance and the Code, in a manner consistent with U.S. national legislation and U.S. international obligations and arrangements, and in accordance with activities that further non-proliferation, nuclear security, and the avoidance of malicious acts using radioactive sources.

The U.S. would be grateful if the Director General would make this letter available to all Member States of the IAEA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Glass", written over the typed name and title.

George Glass
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.