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Communication from the Resident Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Director General has received a letter dated 10 June 2005 from the Resident Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In the light of the request expressed at the end of the letter, the text of the letter is attached hereto for the information of Member States.

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Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and the international organizations Vienna

Sir.

I refer to the letter from the Acting Director of the Office of External Relations and Policy Coordination on your behalf dated 9 June 2005 concerning the requirements for signature of a small quantities protocol attached to the safeguards agreement for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and in connection with what has come to the Agency's knowledge recently through the mass media about the existence of a small research reactor for medical and research purposes in the Kingdom.

I have the honour to confirm to you that there is no nuclear material in installations in the Kingdom as defined in the safeguards agreement.

As to the information given in the media, I would like to clarify that the matter concerns a cyclotron for the production of medical isotopes which is used only for therapeutic practices at the King Faisal specialized hospital.

Kindly be informed of the above and circulate this letter to the Member States.

Accept, Sir, etc.,

(signed) Ambassador Omar bin Mohammed Kurdi Resident Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the International Atomic Energy Agency

Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei Director General IAEA