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Communication of 15 December 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Agency regarding the Implementation of the "Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources" in Japan

The Director General has received a letter from the Resident Representative of Japan dated 15 December 2005 providing information about the implementation of the "Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources" in Japan.

In light of the wish expressed in the letter, its text is attached hereto.

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Dear Dr. ElBaradei,

I have the honour to inform you of the current status of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources for Japan.


Nuclear security has become an increasingly important issue that should be addressed by the international community as a whole. The second version of Nuclear Security Implementation Plan revises the first version prepared and implemented by the Agency after the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. It is most important that the international community continue to find common ground in our efforts towards solving this issue. In this regard, Japan highly values and supports the IAEA's nuclear security activities.

Japan recognizes the necessity of strengthening the control of radioactive resources as a means to enhancing nuclear security. As you may recall, we sent a letter to you in February 2004 expressing our support of the revised "Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of the Radioactive Sources", which promotes these objectives.

Japan strongly believes that the implementation of the "Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources" would contribute to enhancing the IAEA's nuclear security activities and fully supports its implementation. On behalf of the Government of Japan, I have the honour to notify you that, after amendments to the related domestic laws, "Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources" will be implemented in Japan from 1 January 2006.

The Government of Japan requests that the Secretariat distribute this letter to all IAEA Member States.

Accept, Dr. ElBaradei, the assurances of my highest consideration and warm regards.



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