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Communication received from the Philippines concerning the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources: Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources

The Director General has received a letter dated 21 March 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines concerning the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources: Supplementary 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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Dear Dr. ElBaradei,

I have the honor to refer to the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources: Supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources, approved by the Board of Governors in September 2004 and welcomed in the IAEA General Conference resolution GC(48)/RES/10.D, which, *inter alia*, "encourages States to act in accordance with the Guidance on a harmonized basis and to notify the Director General of their intention to do so as supplementary information to the Code of Conduct, recalling operative paragraph 6 of resolution GC(47)RES/7.B". It is with pleasure that I inform you that the Philippines has decided to act in accordance with the Guidance, beginning 14 February 2006, in a manner consistent with national laws and regulations.

The Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) revised pertinent provisions of its Code of PNRI Regulations to include more stringent security measures for radioactive sources, particularly concerning Category 1 and 2 sources, issuing an Administrative Order on the Adoption of the Code of Conduct and its Supplementary Guidance. A regulatory guide on the detailed procedures to be followed by any applicant to import/export radioactive sources, in accordance with the Code and the Supplementary Guidance, is also being drafted.

The Philippines views these domestic measures as strengthening the overall safety and security of radioactive sources in the country, and help contribute to nuclear security worldwide. Finally, the Philippines requests that this letter be distributed to all IAEA Member States.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linglingay F. Lacanale".

LINGLINGAY F. LACANALE

Ambassador and Permanent Representative

His Excellency

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