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Communication dated 3 March 2008 received from the Resident Representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the Agency concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy

The Secretariat has received a letter dated 3 March 2008 from the Resident Representative of Argentina and the Resident Representative of Brazil, containing decisions on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy adopted in a Joint Declaration signed on 22 February 2008 by the Presidents of Argentina and Brazil.

As requested in the letter, it is herewith circulated as an official document of the Agency.

Permanent Mission of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the IAEA
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Argentina to the IAEA

Vienna, 3 March 2008

Sir,

We have the honour to write to you with reference to the decisions on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy adopted in the Joint Declaration signed on 22 February 2008 by the Presidents of our two countries and to request that these decisions be circulated as an official document of the next Board of Governors.

"7. Nuclear Cooperation

To instruct the competent bodies of Argentina and Brazil to establish a Binational Commission responsible for developing a model nuclear power reactor that would meet the needs of the electrical systems of both countries and, eventually, of the region. To arrange, also, for the above-mentioned Binational Commission to prepare a specific report on action to this effect by the end of August 2008.

To instruct the competent bodies to draw up, by the same date, a joint project in the nuclear fuel cycle area and to prepare, by the end of August 2008, a specific report on action to this effect.

To announce its intention to create a binational uranium enrichment enterprise. To this end, to instruct the competent bodies to initiate negotiations on this matter within the next 120 days.

To arrange for the organization, by May 2008, of a seminar of Argentine and Brazilian researchers to discuss the strategy for future cooperation in the nuclear field and to identify specific projects for bilateral cooperation, including the identification of capacities required by either side in terms of human, technological and financial resources, and covering also the complementation of industries."

We take this opportunity of reiterating to you the assurances of our highest esteem.

(signed) Antonio José VALLIM GUERREIRO
Ambassador
Resident Representative

(signed) Eugenio María CURIA
Ambassador
Resident Representative

cc: Milenko Esteban Skoknic Tapia, Ambassador
Chairman of the Board of Governors