

## Information Circular

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# Communication dated 19 January 2009 received from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Agency regarding ratification by the United States of the protocol additional to its safeguards agreement with the Agency

The Agency has received a communication dated 19 January 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Agency regarding ratification by the United States of the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America.

As requested therein, the communication is herewith circulated for information.

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The Permanent Mission of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honor of requesting that the following information regarding U.S. ratification of the Additional Protocol be communicated to all member states.

On December 30, 2008, the President of the United States signed the instrument of ratification for the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America. The United States confirmed that the constitutional and statutory requirements had been met, and formally deposited this instrument with the International Atomic Energy Agency on January 6, 2009, thus bringing the Additional Protocol into force.

The Additional Protocol constitutes the International Atomic Energy Agency's highest standard of verification. It improves the Agency's capability to detect clandestine nuclear weapons programs by providing it with increased information about and access to nuclear fuel cycle activities.

By adopting an Additional Protocol, the United States further underscores its commitment to the International Atomic Energy Agency and its safeguards system. The United States joins with the Director General in calling on all countries to adopt and implement the Additional Protocol.

United States Mission to the United Nations  
and International Organizations in Vienna  
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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The Permanent Mission of the United States avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General and Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency assurances of its highest consideration.

