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Summary

The Director General has received a communication dated 19 January 2009 from the Resident Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Vienna on behalf of the Council of Ambassadors of Arab States Members of the Agency.

The communication, as requested therein, is circulated herewith for information of all Member States.

Mission of the League of Arab States
Vienna

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Vienna, 19 January 2009

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Council of Ambassadors of Arab States Members of the IAEA, I would like to express our deep concern over the information available from reports by various medical and media sources on the possibility that depleted uranium has been utilized in missiles deployed by Israel in its military aggression against civilians in Gaza, which Arab Ambassadors in Vienna strongly condemn.

In this connection, the Council requests the Director General of the IAEA to undertake an immediate physical and radiation evaluation to verify whether depleted uranium was present in weapons used by Israel in its heinous aggression against the innocent civilian population of the Gaza Strip.

The Council of Arab Ambassadors in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its confidence in the professionalism and impartiality of the Director General and Secretariat of the IAEA in fulfilling the mandate of the Agency, particularly with regard to the verification request.

The Council of Arab Ambassadors in Vienna wishes that this message be circulated to all Member States in the Board of Governors and the General Conference of the IAEA.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

(signed) Mansour Bin Khalid Al-Saud
Chairman
Council of Arab Ambassadors in Vienna
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

His Excellency Dr Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General
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