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## Communication dated 30 March 2009 received from the Permanent Mission of Iceland to the Agency regarding Iceland's nuclear policies and practices

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As requested therein, the communication is attached herewith for the information of Member States.



## PERMANENT MISSION OF ICELAND to the IAEA

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The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director General of the IAEA and has the honour to transmit this communication concerning Iceland's nuclear policies and practices.

Iceland adheres to major international nuclear non-proliferation agreements in this field – the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. These form Iceland's national nuclear non-proliferation policies.

The Guidelines on Nuclear Transfers contained in the Trigger List and List of Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment, Materials, Software and Related Technology are fully incorporated in Iceland's export control system. In 1972, Iceland signed its Full-Scope Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA. The Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material entered into force for Iceland in 2002. Iceland established the state system on accounting, control, and physical protection of nuclear materials decades earlier and renewed the relevant legal stipulations in 2009. In 1988 Iceland adopted the Export Control Law which further strengthened government control over transfers of strategic materials, including nuclear material. In 2008, Iceland passed new legislation on international sanctions. By regulations based on that law, Iceland implemented the Guidelines for the Export of Nuclear Material, Equipment and Technology and for Transfers of Nuclear-related Dual-use Equipment, Materials, Software and Related Technology. The Government has introduced in Althingi (Parliament) a bill of law on the Control of Items, Technology and Services of Strategic Significance, which will further update Iceland's export control legislation.

In establishing its export control system, Iceland decided to respect and act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254|Part 1 and Part 2, as amended, with regard to any transfer of nuclear material, equipment and related technology, including nuclear related dual-use equipment, materials, software and related technology.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna requests the Director General of the IAEA to circulate this note to all IAEA Member States for their information and as evidence of Iceland's support for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the IAEA the assurances of its highest consideration.

Permanent Mission of Iceland to the IAEA Vienna, 30 March 2009



To the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency V i e n n a