

## Information Circular

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# Communication received from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America on the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material

1. The Director General has received a communication dated 30 August 2012 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Agency, conveying a message from the United States' Secretary of State regarding the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.
2. As requested by the Permanent Mission, the message from the Secretary of State is herewith circulated.

Mr. Yukiya Amano  
Director General  
International Atomic Energy Agency  
Room A2822  
Vienna International Center

Dear Mr. Director General:

Thank you for your letter encouraging adherence to the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM). Widespread adherence to and the entry into force of the Amendment will be an important step forward in our shared effort to enhance global nuclear security. The United States supports the CPPNM and its Amendment and will continue to pursue ratification of the Amendment. The U.S. House of Representatives recently approved implementing legislation for the CPPNM Amendment. We continue to seek action on it in the United States Senate so that the United States can deposit its instruments of ratification.

Moreover, we remain an extremely strong supporter of the IAEA and its indispensable role in strengthening international nuclear security. In this regard, we welcome the IAEA's efforts to promote the entry into force of the Amendment to the CPPNM and to assist member states to this end.

We look forward to continuing to work with the IAEA to promote our shared nuclear security goals. The United States thanks you for your commitment to this issue.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/  
Hillary Rodham Clinton