

# Information Circular

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## Communication from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Agency

1. On 5 June 2025, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale, together with an attachment, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale and its attachment are herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.



**PERMANENT MISSION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
IN VIENNA**

30-35/115-2025

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to convey *the Non-paper on Kazakhstan's application to Far East Regional Group*, which was addressed to the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as the Chair of the Far East Regional Group on 5 June 2025.

The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan kindly requests the IAEA Secretariat to circulate this Non-paper as INFCIRC document among all IAEA Member States.

Attachment: 3 p.

The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan avails itself of this opportunity to renew its compliments to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.



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OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
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Vienna



**PERMANENT MISSION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
IN VIENNA**

30-35/114-2025

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as the Chair of the Far East regional group and following up its Note Verbale 30-35/153-2024 from 10 May 2024 has the honour to convey the Non-paper on Kazakhstan's application to Far East regional group.

Attachment: 2 p.

The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan avails itself of this opportunity to renew its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Mongolia the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**PERMANENT MISSION  
OF MONGOLIA  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN  
VIENNA –  
CHAIR OF IAEA FAR EAST  
REGIONAL GROUP**

*Non-paper on Kazakhstan's application to Far East Regional Group*

1. According to the IAEA Statute, **the principle of sovereign equality** ensures that all Member States, regardless of their size, power, or economic status, have equal rights and obligations, including equal participation in decision-making and respect for international law.

2. Kazakhstan introduced resolution GC(67)/RES/15, "*Restoration of Sovereign Equality of Member States in the IAEA*", at the 67<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the IAEA in September 2023. This resolution, which received wide support, urged for regional groups to accept new members and established the Group of Friends, **with the full support from the Far East Regional Group.**

3. **Kazakhstan has been making long-standing efforts to join the Far East Regional Group of the IAEA since 2009**, emphasizing its pursuit of sovereign equality within the Organization.

4. Kazakhstan has received official written **support** (*relevant NVs received*) **from the following Far East Regional Group members: China, Japan, Mongolia and Vietnam.**

5. Kazakhstan and the Republic of Korea signed **Joint Statements at the level of Heads of States** on 17 August 2021 and 13 June 2024, respectively, **reaffirming support for Kazakhstan's accession to the IAEA Far East Group.** According to paragraph 3 of the latest Joint Statement, "*the Parties have agreed to make joint efforts to restore full sovereign equality within the IAEA. The Republic of Korea expressed support for the Republic of Kazakhstan's accession to the IAEA's Far East Group, provided that such accession does not affect its status in the IAEA Board of Governors or its related interests.*"<sup>1</sup>

Kazakhstan has made numerous attempts to further implement the above-mentioned joint statements, but unfortunately **the Republic of Korea has persistently failed to implement the written commitments.**

From its side, **Kazakhstan supported the election of the Republic of Korea to preside over the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the IAEA General Conference** in September 2024. In this regard, Kazakhstan urges the Republic of Korea, in its capacity as the current President of the IAEA General Conference, to observe the commitments made at the level of Heads of States.

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Statement of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Korea from 13 June 2024.  
<https://akorda.kz/ru/sovместnoe-zayavlenie-respubliki-kazahstan-i-respubliki-koreya-135523>

6. Kazakhstan has also received **support from Philippines during the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs** (*24 September 2021*) regarding its membership to Far East Regional Group. However, no further developments have followed this initial endorsement.

7. In accordance with the criteria and principles established by the Group of Friends, **Kazakhstan submitted its application for membership on 10 May 2024**. Despite a response from Mongolia, Chair of the Far East Regional Group, on 10 September 2024 indicating an ongoing evaluation, no further updates have been provided.

8. In order to preserve the integrity of the IAEA and to avoid institutional disruption, Kazakhstan continues to believe that **the most viable solution is Kazakhstan's admission to the Far East Regional Group**.

9. Kazakhstan will continue its efforts to restore sovereign equality in the IAEA and **reserves the right to directly nominate its candidacy for the IAEA Board of Governors** during the 69<sup>th</sup> General Conference.