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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT

The following letter received from the delegate of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 26 September is circulated for the information of delegations:

Dear Mr. President,

The delegation of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the Tenth General Conference of the IAEA has the honour to inform you that it received on 20 September from the Government of the German Democratic Republic copies of the following telegram addressed to you:

"STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE TENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)---

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE 'AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (1965)' APPROVED BY THE NINTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF IAEA AND HAS SUBJECTED IT TO A CLOSE SCRUTINY.

IN DOING SO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS BEEN GUIDED BY THE CONSIDERATION THAT A SYSTEM OF CONTROLS REGARDING THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY MAY BE A SUITABLE STEP TO COUNTERACT A FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN THE INTEREST OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND LESSENING TENSIONS IN EUROPE, IN THE INTEREST OF

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PEACEFUL, MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC DEEMS IT NECESSARY THAT BOTH GERMAN STATES, ON THE BASIS OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, ACCEDE TO THE 'AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (1965)'.

IN THIS CONNECTION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT IN VIEW OF THE EXISTENCE OF TWO GERMAN STATES AND THEIR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT THE MANUFACTURE AND FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM CAN BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY IF ALSO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WEST GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC FOR ITS PART DECLARES ITS ACCESSION TO THE 'AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (1965)'.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC STATES ITS PREPAREDNESS TO ACCEDE, ON THIS CONDITION, TO THE 'AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (1965)' AND SIMULTANEOUSLY DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE TENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF IAEA TO THE FACT THAT MEMBERSHIP OF THE GDR IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IS INDISPENSABLE FOR ITS PARTICIPATION ON AN EQUAL FOOTING IN THE 'AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (1965)'.
BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 20TH 1966."

I would ask you to instruct the Secretariat to distribute as conference documents the present letter and the original text of the telegram received by you from the Government of the German Democratic Republic.

Yours etc.

(signed) J. Neumann
Delegate of the Czechoslovak
Socialist Republic