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Israeli Nuclear Capabilities and Threat

- On 27 September 2005, the Director General received a letter dated 26 September 2005 from the Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman, on behalf of the Arab Member States of the Agency, relating to item 22 of the agenda of the Conference, "Israeli Nuclear Capabilities and Threat".
- As requested therein, the letter and its attachment are herewith circulated.

**Text of letter dated 26 September from the Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps and
Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman**

With reference to document GC(49)/21 dated 12 September 2005 [Arabic language version], annexing a letter from the Resident Representative of Israel and its attachment stating Israel's position on the item entitled "Israel's Nuclear Capabilities and Threat", which the International Atomic Energy Agency has circulated to Member States, I have the honour on behalf of the Arab Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency to enclose herewith the States' response to what is contained in the aforementioned document, and should like to ask you to circulate it to the Member States of the Agency.

(signed) Salim bin Mohamed Al-Riyami
Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps
Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman

Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General
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Text stating the Arab Group's response to what is contained in the letter of the Delegate of Israel to the International Atomic Energy Agency concerning the inclusion of an item entitled "Israel's Nuclear Capabilities and Threat" on the agenda of the 49th session of the General Conference of the Agency

The Arab Group confirms that, despite successive General Assembly and General Conference resolutions reflecting international consensus on disarmament and the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, Israel continues to insist on not acceding to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and, according to various reports, Israel is developing an advanced nuclear programme for military purposes, which has a negative impact on peace and stability in the Middle East region and on efforts to prevent proliferation in the region. Thus, the Arab Group confirms the importance of including the item on Israeli nuclear capability on the agenda of the General Conference to ensure that the International Atomic Energy Agency continues to play its role in dealing with this important issue, which is a cause of concern to the international community as a whole and is an additional cause of tension in the region.

The Arab Group deplores what is contained in the letter from the Israeli Ambassador, which is expressed in language that is unacceptable and far removed from the rules of discourse and the customs of diplomacy.