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COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN MEMBER STATES REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY

A further communication, dated 20 October 1988

1. On 27 October 1988 the Director General received a Note Verbale dated 20 October 1988 from the Permanent Mission of Spain relating to the export of nuclear material, equipment or technology.

2. As requested, the text of the Note Verbale is reproduced below for the information of all Member States.

"The Permanent Mission of Spain to the International Organizations with headquarters in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to transmit with the present Note copies of three documents which have been subject of discussions between the Government of Span and other Governments.

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The Government of Spain has decided that, when considering the export of nuclear material, equipment or technology, it will act in accordance with the principles contained in the attached documents.^{1/}

In reaching this decision, the Government of Spain is fully aware of the need to contribute to the development of nuclear energy, in order to meet world energy requirements while avoiding contributing in any way to the dangers of a proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and of the need to remove safeguards and non-proliferation assurances from the field of commercial competition.

As a member of the European Community, the Government of Spain, so far as trade within the Community is concerned, will implement those documents in the light of its commitments under the Treaties of Rome, as necessary.

The Government of Spain hopes that other Governments will also decide to base their own nuclear export policies upon those documents.

The Government of Spain requests that the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency circulate the texts of this Note and its enclosures to all Member Governments for their information and as a demonstration of support by the Government of Spain for the Agency's nonproliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

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

^{1/} Reproduced as Appendix with Annexes in document INFCIRC/254.