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

A further communication, dated 2 December 1992

- On 7 December 1992 the Director General received a Note Verbale dated 2 December 1992 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina relating to the export of nuclear material, equipment or technology.
- As requested, the text of the Note Verbale is reproduced below for the information of all Member States.

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to announce that the Government of the Argentine Republic, when considering the export of nuclear technology, equipment or materials, will act in accordance with the principles contained in INFCIRC/254 as well as other principles considered pertinent by it.

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In this connection, the Government of the Argentine Republic hereby declares that the principles contained in the aforementioned document were taken into account when elaborating current legislation on sensitive exports.

In reaching this decision, the Government of the Argentine Republic is fully aware of the need to contribute to the development of nuclear power in order to meet world energy requirements while avoiding contributing in any way to the dangers of 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.

The Government of the Argentine Republic hopes that other governments may also decide to base their own nuclear export policies upon these documents and such further principles as may be agreed upon.

The Government of the Argentine Republic requests that the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency should circulate the text of this note to all member governments for their information and as a demonstration of support by the Government of the Argentine Republic for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

The Government of the Argentine Republic to the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.