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TELEX MESSAGES TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY
ORGANIZATION OF IRAN

Addendum

For the information of Member States, the text is reproduced overleaf of a letter from the Director General to the Resident Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran written in response to telexes Nos. KHS/16018, KHS/16019 and KHS/16020 from Mr. Amrollahi, Deputy Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran and President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

18 November 1987

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to your letter of 17 November 1987 in which you transmitted to me the contents of telex No. KHS/16018 from Mr. Amrollahi, and to refer to his telexes Nos. KHS/16019 and KHS/16020, all of which communications informed me of attacks on the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant.

I would be grateful if you would express to your Government my deep regret and condolences at the loss of life and at the injuries to which Mr. Amrollahi refers.

I would also be grateful if you would transmit the contents of this letter to Mr. Amrollahi with my assurance that the contents of his messages are being circulated to all Member States as requested. I am also sending copies of Mr. Amrollahi's messages together with this reply to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mr. Amrollahi requested the despatch of an expert mission on nuclear safety and radiation protection in order to control the radiological consequences of the recent attacks. We are ready to do so, but first we need any information that you can provide about the state of the nuclear material together with the initial assessment of the consequences of the event made by your nuclear authorities so that we can better establish what type of assistance you might need from the Agency. Based upon the information previously supplied to the Agency by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran our initial assessment indicates that the nature and small amount of nuclear material stored at the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant could not create a significant radiological hazard to the public.

I note the request from Mr. Amrollahi for a mission to Bushehr by Agency safeguards inspectors. Earlier this year discussions took place between the Agency and your Mission about the application of safeguards to the nuclear material transferred to the storage area on the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant. In this correspondence the Agency explained that it saw no need to make a pre-operational inspection and, after examining the information supplied with the design information questionnaire, requested further information and clarification. Until that additional information and clarification has been provided and examined, the Agency will not be able to determine whether a pre-operational inspection will be necessary at this stage. No doubt, if changes have occurred to the nature and quantity of the nuclear material stored at Bushehr, you will inform us in accordance with the normal safeguards procedures.