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COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THEIR POLICIES REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF PLUTONIUM

1. The Director General has received a note verbale, dated 18 May 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the IAEA. In keeping with Switzerland's commitment under the Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998 and hereinafter referred to as the "Guidelines"), the Government of Switzerland, in the enclosure of the note verbale of 18 May 1999, in accordance with Annexes B and C of the Guidelines, makes available annual figures for its national holdings of civil unirradiated plutonium and the estimated amounts of plutonium contained in spent civil reactor fuel, as of 31 December 1998.

2. In the light of the request expressed by Switzerland in its note verbale of 1 December 1997 concerning its policies regarding the management of plutonium (INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998), the texts of the enclosures of the note verbale of 18 May 1999 are attached for the information of all Member States.

ANNEX B

SWITZERLAND

ANNUAL FIGURES FOR HOLDINGS OF CIVIL UNIRRADIATED PLUTONIUM

National Totals

As of 31 December 1998

Previous year's
figures in brackets)
Rounded to 100 kg
plutonium with
quantities less than
50 kg reported as such

1. Unirradiated separated plutonium in product stores at reprocessing plants	-	(-)
2. Unirradiated separated plutonium in the course of manufacture or fabrication and plutonium contained in unirradiated semi-fabricated or unfinished products at fuel or other fabricating plants or elsewhere.	-	(-)
3. Plutonium contained in unirradiated MOX fuel or other fabricated products at reactor sites or elsewhere.	- kg	(600 kg)
4. Unirradiated separated plutonium held elsewhere.	< 50 kg	(100 kg)

Note:

(i) Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above belonging to foreign bodies	< 50 kg	(< 50 kg)
(ii) Plutonium in any of the forms in lines 1-4 above held in locations in other countries and therefore not included above.	-	(-)
(iii) Plutonium in lines 1-4 above which is in international shipment prior to its arrival in the recipient State.	-	(-)

ANNEX C

SWITZERLAND
**ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF PLUTONIUM CONTAINED IN SPENT CIVIL
REACTOR**

National Totals

As of 31 December 1998

Previous year's
figures in brackets)
Rounded to 1000 kg
plutonium with
quantities less than
500 kg reported as such

1.	Plutonium contained in spent fuel at civil reactor sites.	6000 kg	(6000 kg)
2.	Plutonium contained in spent fuel at reprocessing plants.	-	(-)
3.	Plutonium contained in spent fuel held elsewhere.	-	(-)

Note:

(i) The treatment of material sent for direct disposal will need further consideration when specific plans for direct disposal have taken concrete form.

(ii) Definitions:

Line 1: covers estimated amounts of plutonium obtained in fuel discharged from civil reactors;

Line 2: covers estimated amounts of plutonium contained in fuel received at reprocessing plants but not yet reprocessed.

(iii) Plutonium contained in spent fuel sent for reprocessing and held in locations in other countries. 5000 kg (5000 kg)
(This plutonium may be in the form of line 2 above or in any of the forms of lines 1-3 of Annex B).