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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 13 December 1999, from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the IAEA. In keeping with the People's Republic of China'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 the People's Republic of China, in the enclosure of the note verbale, makes available an annual statement of its national holdings of civil unirradiated plutonium as of 31 December 1998.

2. In the light of the request expressed by the People's Republic of China in its note verbale of 1 December 1997, concerning its policies regarding the management of plutonium (INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998), the text of the enclosure of the note verbale of 13 December 1999 is attached for the information of all Member States.

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	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>
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	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>
3.	Plutonium contained in unirradiated MOX fuel or other fabricated products at reactor sites or elsewhere	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>
4.	Unirradiated separated plutonium held elsewhere	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>

Note:

(i)	Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above belonging to foreign bodies	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>
(ii)	Plutonium in any of the forms in lines 1-4 above held in locations in other countries and therefore not included above	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>
(iii)	Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above which is in international shipment prior to its arrival in the recipient State	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>