

Information Circular

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Communication Received from China Concerning Its Policies Regarding the Management of Plutonium

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale, dated 23 March 2004, from the Permanent Mission of China to the IAEA in the enclosure of which the Government of China, in keeping with its commitment under the Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998 and hereinafter referred to as the “Guidelines”), and in accordance with Annex B of the Guidelines, has made available information on its national holdings of civil unirradiated plutonium as of 31 December 2003.
2. In light of the request expressed by China in its Note Verbale of 1 December 1997 concerning its policies regarding the management of plutonium (INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998), the enclosure of the Note Verbale of 23 March 2004 is attached for the information of all Member States.

The People's Republic of China
ANNUAL FIGURES FOR HOLDINGS OF CIVIL
UNIRRADIATED PLUTONIUM

National Totals

as of 31 December 2003
(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>None</u>	(<u>None</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>None</u>	(<u>None</u>)
3. Plutonium contained in unirradiated MOX fuel or other fabricated products at reactor sites or elsewhere.	<u>None</u>	(<u>None</u>)
4. Unirradiated separated plutonium held elsewhere.	<u>None</u>	(<u>None</u>)

Note:

(1) Plutonium including in 1-4 above belonging to foreign bodies.	<u>None</u>	(<u>None</u>)
(2) Plutonium in any of the forms in lines 1-4 above held in locations in other countries and therefore not included above.	<u>None</u>	(<u>None</u>)
(3) Plutonium including in lines 1-4 above which is in international shipment prior to its arrival in the recipient State.	<u>None</u>	(<u>None</u>)