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COMMUNICATION OF 15 NOVEMBER 2001 RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA REGARDING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL

- 1. The Director General has received a letter of 15 November 2001 from the Resident Representative of the People's Republic of China concerning the export of nuclear material and of certain categories of equipment and other material.
- 2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the letter, the text of the letter is attached.

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TRIGGER LIST CLARIFICATION

Director General IAEA

I have the honour to refer to relevant previous communications from the Resident Representative of the People's Republic of China to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

In the years since the procedures described in INFCIRC/209 were formulated for the export of certain categories of equipment and material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material, developments in nuclear technology have brought about the need to clarify parts of the Trigger List originally incorporated in Memorandum B of INFCIRC/209.

Such clarifications have been covered in INFCIRC/209/Mods.1, 2, 3 and 4 (consolidated in INFCIRC/209/Rev.1) and in INFCIRC209/Rev.1/Mods.1, 2, 3, 4/Corr.1. It finally concluded as INFCIRC/209/Rev.2. When China became a Member State of Zagger Committee, China made its commitment to INFCIRC/209/Rev.1/mods.1, 2, and 3, as published and circulated then.

My Government now thinks it desirable to amend our "Control List" which is incorporated in "The Nuclear Export Control Decree of the People's Republic of China". The newly-amended "Control List" is the same as the "Trigger List" set out in the IAEA's INFCIRC/209/Rev 2 and entered in force on June 28th, 2001.

As hitherto, my Government reserves to itself the right to exercise discretion with regard to the interpretation and implementation of the procedures set out in the above mentioned documents and the right to control, if it wishes, the export of relevant items other than those specified in the aforementioned document.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this letter to all Member States for their information.

Accept, sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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