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## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRALIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

1. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Australia providing information on the export policies and practices of the Government of Australia with respect to the export of nuclear material, equipment and technology.
2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the Note Verbale, its text is attached. The attachment to which the Note Verbale refers has been issued previously as INFCIRC/254/Rev. 4/Part 1.

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A list of Member States of the NSG is contained in the Annex to the attachment.

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The Permanent Mission of Australia presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to provide further information on its government's nuclear export policies and practices.

The Government of Australia has decided that the fundamental principles for safeguards and export controls of the Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers set out in INFCIRC/254/Rev.3/Part 1, as amended should include plants for the conversion of plutonium and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor, in the light of developments in nuclear technology.

Accordingly, the following changes were made to the text of the Annexes:

- Annex A of the Guidelines includes amendments to Item 2.7.
- Annex B of the Guidelines includes:
  - 1) a new Item 7., 7.1.9. and 7.2.;
  - 2) amendments to Item 7 involving renumbering to Item 7.1.;
  - 3) the renumbering of subsequent Items;
  - 4) the movement of Items 3.5 and 3.6 to Item 7.2. involving amendments and renumbering to items 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 respectively.

The Government of Australia has decided to amend the reference descriptions to INFCIRC/254/Part 2 to avoid future inconsistent references whenever revisions to related items of INFCIRC/254/Part 2 were conducted.

Accordingly, the following changes were made to the text of Annex B:

- The Explanatory Notes of Items 5.7.2., 5.7.13., 5.8., and 5.8.4. were amended.

In the interest of clarity, the complete text of the Guidelines including the modified Annexes is reproduced in the attachment.

The Government of Australia has decided to act in accordance with the Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers so revised.

In reaching this decision, the Government of Australia is fully aware of the need to contribute to economic development while avoiding contributing in any way to the dangers of a proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and of the need to remove non-proliferation assurances from the field of commercial competition.

The Government of Australia would be grateful if the Director General will bring this Note and its attachment to the attention of all Member States of the IAEA.

The Permanent Mission of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.



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