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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BELARUS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR TRANSFERS OF NUCLEAR-RELATED DUAL-USE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, SOFTWARE AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY

- 1. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Belarus, dated 19 May 2000, providing information on the export policies and practices of Belarus with respect to the export of nuclear-related dual-use equipment, materials, software and related technology.
- 2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the Note Verbale, the text of the Note Verbale is attached. The attachment to the Note Verbale was issued previously as INFCIRC/254/Rev. 4/Part 2.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to refer to the Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus N 1218/18-N of 28 January of 1999 concerning the decision of the Government of the Republic of Belarus to act in accordance with the Guidelines for Transfer of Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment, Material and Related Technology originally published as document INFCIRC/254/Rev.3/Part 2, including Annex list of equipment, material, and related Technology.

The list of nuclear-related dual-use equipment, materials, software, and related technology which is incorporated in the Annex to the Guidelines is revised periodically in the light of developments in nuclear-related technology. The most recent revision has involved and extensive restructuring and reformatting of the Annex in order to bring it closer to the format of the similar lists. This has resulted in a renumbering of all items. In particular, all entries from Categories 7 and 8 have been incorporated into Categories 1,2,5 or 6. A further significant change has been the specifying of list items for "Software" and "Technology" associated with dual-use equipment. Accordingly, the Technology Note has been modified and a General Software Note added. These changes to the Annex have also required that the Guidelines be modified to include the term "Software" where appropriate, including in the title.

The complete text of the modified Guidelines and restructured Annex is given in the attachment.

The Government of the Republic of Belarus has decided to act in accordance with the Guidelines so revised.

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Vienna

In reaching this decision, the Government of the Republic of Belarus 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 the Republic of Belarus requests that the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency circulate the text of this note and its attachment to all Member States for their information.

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

Vienna, 19 May 2000

