

## Information Circular

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# Official Communiqué from the Government of Peru on the Decision of the Government of Libya to Cease Production of Weapons of Mass Destruction

1. The Director General has received a letter from the Permanent Mission of Peru, dated 29 December 2003, enclosing an Official Communiqué by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, regarding the decision of the Government of Libya to cease production of weapons of mass destruction.
2. In the light of the wish expressed in the letter from the Permanent Mission of Peru, the text of the Communiqué is attached.

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Vienna, 29 December 2003

Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed Official Communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru regarding the decision of the Government of Libya to cease production of weapons of mass destruction.

In this Communiqué, the Government of Peru welcomes the Libyan Government's decision, which it believes strengthens the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and sets a significant precedent for the talks due to be held next year with a view to resolving the issue of the presence of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula.

In this regard, it would be much appreciated if the enclosed Communiqué could be circulated to all Member States of the Agency, including members of the Board of Governors.

Yours, etc.,

(signed) Javier Paulinich  
Ambassador, Resident Representative

Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei  
Director General  
IAEA, Vienna

**ON THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA TO CEASE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**

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The Government of Peru, in line with its foreign policies and principles, favouring peace, arms control and disarmament, welcomes the decision of the Libyan Government to discontinue the production of all types of weapons of mass destruction.

The Government of Peru considers that this decision strengthens the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, particularly since it comes as the result of dialogue and diplomatic negotiations between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Libya in the context of peaceful international coexistence regulated by international law. The Government of Peru believes that this sets a significant precedent for the talks to be held next year by various countries with a view to solving the problem of the presence of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula, as well as for the achievement of the aims of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The Government of Peru therefore supports the participation in this process of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), whose Director General is to visit Libya in the near future to carry out the verification process and to support the Libyan Government in preparing a programme to dismantle its non-peaceful nuclear activities.

Lima, 22 December 2003