

Information Circular

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Communication from the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the Agency

1. On 9 November 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale, together with an attachment, from the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale and its attachment are herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.

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Vertretung des Staates Palästina
und ständige Vertretung bei den
Internationalen Organisationen
in Wien



بعثة دولة فلسطين لدى النمسا
والمراقبة الدائمة لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة
والمنظمات الدولية بفيينا



NOTE VERBAL

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the UN and international Organizations presents its compliments to the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honor to convey a letter from Dr. Riad Malki, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates to Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the UN and international Organizations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the distinguished International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 8th of November 2023





State of Palestine
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates
Minister



Ramallah, 07 November 2023

Mr Rafael Mariano Grossi
Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency

Excellency,

I write to you following the statement made Israel's Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu on 5 November 2023, which constitutes the first official admission that Israel possesses nuclear weapons. We urge you to take note of this admission, especially in light of the Minister's genocidal suggestion that "dropping a nuclear bomb on the Gaza Strip was one of the possibilities," in Israel's ongoing war on the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.

Israel, the occupying power, has illegally developed nuclear weapons, refused to join the NPT, rejected to submit to any monitoring or safeguard systems and now actively inflames tensions by this threat to use nuclear weapons on the Palestinian people in Gaza. In this connection, I wish to remind that a threat of the use of nuclear weapons against one country is a threat against all countries thus requiring your immediate and urgent attention.

I take this opportunity to call upon you and all member states, to condemn the threats made by the Israeli Cabinet Member and to take all measures available at your disposal to neutralize this clear threat to the right to life of the Palestinian people and surrounding states. Peace and security cannot be achieved by the threat to use nuclear weapons. We collectively pledged 75 years ago to rid our world from nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. Honoring this pledge and ensuring security in our region and worldwide is long overdue.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter distributed to the member States of the IAEA.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration..

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Riad Malki
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Expatriates