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## COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN MEMBER STATES REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

## **Nuclear Transfers and Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Transfers**

- 1. The Director General has received a Note Verbale dated 5 March 1993 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic.
- 2. The purpose of the Note Verbale is to provide information on that Governments' guidelines for Nuclear Transfers and for Transfers of of Nuclear-related Dual-use Equipment, Material and Related Technology.
- 3. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of each Note Verbale, the text of the Note Verbale is annexed hereto.

## NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour of providing information on our government's nuclear export policies and practices.

The Government of the Slovak Republic has decided that, when considering the transfer of nuclear-related dual-use equipment, material and related technology, it will act in accordance with the provisions of the documents: *Guidelines for Transfers of Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment, Material and Related Technology* (as published in INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 2) and its Annex: *List of Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment and Materials and Related Technology*.

Furthermore, the Government of the Slovak Republic has decided to implement these guidelines and hopes that other governments who have not yet done so may decide to base their own nuclear export policies upon them.

Since the guidelines were formulated and published in INFCIRC/254, developments in nuclear technology have brought about the need to further clarify parts of the trigger list incorporated in Annex A to the guidelines. Therefore we also agree and will act in accordance with the document: *Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers* with their respective new Part A: *Material and Equipment* of the Annex A: *Trigger List Referred to in Guidelines*, and a revised new Annex B: *Clarification of Items on the Trigger List* (as published in the INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part -1 - July 1992).

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

The Government of the Slovak Republic requests that the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency circulate the texts of this note to all member governments for their information and as a demonstration of support by the Government of the Slovak Republic for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.