COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS REGARDING THE
EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND OF CERTAIN
CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL

1. During the months of September and October, the Director General received identical letters, as dated 1 September 1978, from the Resident Representatives of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, relating to the commitments of these Members under Article III, paragraph 2, of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons[1].

2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of each of the letters referred to above, the text thereof is reproduced below.

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1 September 1978

I have the honour to refer to Memorandum B enclosed with the letter of 22 August 1974 in which the Government of Denmark informed you that it had decided to act in accordance with certain procedures in relation to the exports of nuclear material and of certain categories of equipment and other material, and which you circulated to all Members of the Agency as document INFCIRC/209. The Government of Denmark has instructed me to inform you that it is now its intention to act in accordance with that Memorandum amended as follows:

a. Paragraph 2.1.6 to read “Zirconium tubes: Zirconium metal and alloys in the form of tubes or assemblies of tubes, and in quantities exceeding 500 kg per year, especially designed or prepared for use in a reactor as defined in paragraph 2.1.1 above and in which the relationship of hafnium to zirconium is less than 1:500 parts by weight”.

b. A new paragraph following paragraph 2.5.1 to read “2.6.1. Plants for production of heavy water, deuterium and deuterium compounds and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor”.

c. A new sentence following the first sentence of paragraph F of the Annex to read “Such items include:

- gaseous diffusion barriers
- gaseous diffuser housings
- gas centrifuge assemblies, corrosion resistant to UF₆
- jet nozzle separation units
- vortex separation units
- large UF₆ corrosion-resistant axial or centrifugal compressors
- special compressor seals for such compressors”.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of all members of the Agency.