COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY REGARDING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL

1. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received a letter from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation concerning the export of nuclear material and of certain categories of equipment and other material.

2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the letter, the text of the letter is attached hereto. The attachments to the letter were issued previously as INFCIRC/209/Rev.2.
TRIGGER LIST CLARIFICATION:
PLANTS FOR THE CONVERSION OF URANIUM AND
PLUTONIUM AND EQUIPMENT ESPECIALLY
DESIGNED OR PREPARED THEREFOR

I have the honour to refer to relevant previous communications from
the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International
Organizations in Vienna.

In the years since the procedures described in INFCIRC/209 were
formulated for the export of certain categories of equipment and material
especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special
fissile material, developments in nuclear technology have brought about
the need to clarify parts of the Trigger List originally incorporated in
Memorandum B of INFCIRC/209. Such clarifications have been covered in
INFCIRC/209/Mods. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (consolidated in INFCIRC/209/Rev.1) and in

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Director General
International Atomic
Energy Agency (IAEA)
Vienna
My Government now thinks it desirable to amend the Trigger List to include a new entry entitled "plants for the conversion of uranium and plutonium and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor". I therefore wish to inform you that a new Section 2.7 should be added to Memorandum B and a new Section 7 to its Annex, as set out in the attachment to the letter to you from the Secretary of the Committee, dated 5 November 1999. In connection with these changes Section 3 of the Annex should be amended to delete Sections 3.5 and 3.6 which have been incorporated into the new Section 7.

As hitherto, my Government reserves to itself the right to exercise discretion with regard to the interpretation and implementation of the procedures set out in the above mentioned documents and the right to control, if it wishes, the export of relevant items other than those specified in the aforementioned attachment.

My Government considers it opportune for the Agency to re-issue the whole Memoranda A and B, as amended, as INFCIRC/209/Rev. 2 in order to have available a comprehensive document for States Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) at the NPT Review Conference in 2000.

It would be highly appreciated if you could give instructions to circulate the text of this letter and the amended Memoranda A and B referred to above to all Member States for their information.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Valery V. LOSHCININ
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna