COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Nuclear Transfers

1. On 11 May 1994, the Director General received a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the export of nuclear material, equipment and technology.

2. The purpose of this note verbale is to provide further information on nuclear export policies and practices of the Government of the Argentine Republic.

3. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the note verbale, the text of the note verbale is annexed hereto.
NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to provide further information on its Government’s nuclear export policies and practices.

The Government of the Argentine Republic has decided that, when considering the transfer of items listed in Annexes A and B of INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part.1 (clarification of items on the Trigger List) it will only do so if the receiving non-nuclear-weapon-State has brought into force an agreement with the IAEA requiring the application of safeguards on all source and special fissionable material in its current and future peaceful activities. A copy of the “Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers”, with paragraph 4 amended to reflect this policy is attached.*

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

The Government of the Argentine Republic would be grateful if the Director General will bring this note to the attention of Members States to the IAEA.

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

* See the Annex to document INFCIRC/254/Rev.1/Part 1/Mod.1