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

The attached letter dated 22 October 1992 from the Resident Representative of France to the Agency concerning the export of nuclear material and of certain categories of equipment and other material is circulated upon his request.

LETTER OF 22 OCTOBER 1992 TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE AGENCY

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of France has under consideration procedures in relation to exports of

- (a) source or special fissionable material, and
- (b) equipment and material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material,

in the light of its commitment under Article III paragraph 2 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons not to provide such items to any non-nuclear-weapon State for peaceful purposes, unless the source or special fissionable material is subject to safeguards under an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Government of France has decided to act in this context in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/209/Rev.1 and INFCIRC/209/Rev.1/Mod.1. In so doing, my Government reserves the right to exercise discretion with regard to the interpretation and implementation of the procedures set out and the right to control, if it wishes, the export of relevant items other than those specified.

So far as trade within the European Community is concerned, the Government of France will implement these procedures in the light of its commitments as a member of the European Community.

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