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

### A further communication dated 10 January 1986

1. On 15 January 1986 the Director General received a Note Verbale dated 10 January 1986 from the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the export of nuclear material, equipment or technology.
2. As requested in a subsequent letter dated 22 January 1986, the text of the letter of 10 January 1986 is reproduced below for the information of all Member States.

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“The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Director General and has the honour to enclose copies of the documents which have been the subject of discussion between the Government of the Portuguese Republic and a number of other Governments.

“The Government of the Portuguese Republic has decided that, when considering the export of nuclear material, equipment or technology, it will act in accordance with the principles contained in the attached documents.<sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> Reproduced as Appendix with Annexes in document INFCIRC/254.

“In reaching this decision, the Government of the Portuguese Republic is fully aware of the need to contribute to the development of nuclear power in order to meet world energy requirements, while avoiding contributing in any way to the dangers of a proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and of the need to remove safeguards and non-proliferation assurances from the field of commercial competition.

“As a Member of the European Community, the Government of the Portuguese Republic, so far as trade within the Community is concerned, will implement these documents in the light of its commitments under the Treaties of Rome, as necessary.

“The Government of the Portuguese Republic hopes that other Governments may also decide to base their own nuclear export policies upon these documents.

“The Permanent Mission of Portugal avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurance of its highest consideration.”