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TEXT OF COMMUNICATION OF 30 AUGUST 2002 RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY CONCERNING RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

The text of a note verbale dated 30 August 2002 submitted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mali is reproduced herewith for the attention of the General Conference.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mali presents its compliments to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and has the honour to advise as follows:

Within the framework of technical co-operation between Mali and the IAEA, the Government has recently signed the following legislative and regulatory texts:

- Order No. 02-059/P-RM of 5 June 2002 concerning radiation protection and the safety of sources of ionizing radiation;
- Order No. 02-60/P-RM of 5 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the Malian Radiation Protection Agency;
- Decree No. 02-333/P-RM of 6 June 2002 determining the organization and mode of operation of the Malian Radiation Protection Agency.

The signing of these texts marks a key stage in the establishment of a national radiation protection infrastructure, a prerequisite for continued co-operation with the IAEA.

Mali has also settled a significant part of its arrears of contributions to the IAEA budget by the transfer of 89 994 600 CFA francs, or about US \$128 000, and expects to pay the outstanding balance of these arrears in two (2) further instalments between now and December 2003.

With regard to the foregoing, Mali:

- reaffirms its wish to participate regularly from now on in the Agency's General Conference;
- requests the restoration of its voting rights;
- requests a substantial strengthening of IAEA support for the development of the national radiation protection infrastructure and more generally for the programme of technical co-operation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy and technology.

On this basis Mali is preparing to participate in the 46th session of the IAEA General Conference, to be held in September 2002 in Vienna (Austria).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mali thanks the IAEA for its kind co-operation and takes this opportunity of assuring it of its highest esteem.