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TELEX MESSAGES TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN

### Addenda

Attached, for the information of Member States, are the text of a telex dated 19 November 1987 from the President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran to the Director General and the text of a telex dated 24 November 1987 from the Director General to the President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

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#### ATTACHMENT 1

## TEXT OF A TELEX DATED 19 NOVEMBER 1987 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Your Excellency,

I profoundly regret that the International Atomic Energy Agency has never, in spite of our numerous past grievances, taken any appropriate measures regarding the persistent military attacks by the aggressive regime of Iraq on the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant.

As a consequence of the Agency's indifference to this serious matter, on 19 November 1987 at 10.15 hours the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant was attacked once again by the zionist regime of Iraq.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the international community, and in particular the IAEA, fully responsible for th recent attacks and any further attacks, as a result of which radioactive material would most probably be released to the atmosphere.

Your immediate response to our previous request, which was made in my telexes Nos. KHS 16018-16020 of 17 November 1987, namely the despatch of a mission of safeguard inspectors as well as nuclear safety and radiation protection experts to the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, is appreciated in advance.

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#### ATTACHMENT 2

TEXT OF A TELEX DATED 24 NOVEMBER 1987 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY OPGANIZATION OF IRAN

1. IN A CABLE OF 17 NOVEMBER 1987 YOU REQUESTED A MISSION OF THE IAEA TO COME TO BUSHEHR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO CONTROL THE RADIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE RECENT ATTACK.  $\frac{1}{}$ 

2. IN A CABLE OF 19 NOVEMBER 1987 YOU REPEATED THIS REQUEST. $\frac{2}{}$ 

3. I CONFIRM MY REPLY, CONTAINED IN A LETTER GIVEN TO YOUR PESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON 18 NO/EMBER  $1987\frac{3}{2}$ , that the agency is ready to send a MISSION TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND TO THE SITE AND TO ADVISE ON MATTERS OF RADIOPROTECTION, IF ANY SUCH SHOULD HAVE ARISEN AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY FISSIONABLE MATERIAL.

4. IT WOULD FACILITATE THE SELECTION AND DESPATCH OF A COMPETENT MISSION IF YOU WOULD GIVE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THAT LETTER REGARDING THE STATE O THE NUCLEAR MATERIAL AT BUSHEHR, TOGETHER WITH YOUR OWN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION.

5. THE TEXT OF MY LETTER OF 18 NOVEMBER 1987 IS GIVEN BELOW:

"Sir,

"I have the honour to reply to your letter of 17 November 1987 in which you transmitted to me the contents of telex No. KHS/16018 from Mr. Amrollahi, and to refer to his telexes Nos. KHS/16019 and KHS/16020, all of which communications informed me of attacks on the site of the Bushehr Muclear Powe Plant.

<sup>1/</sup> See Attachment 2 to INFCIRC/346.

<sup>2/</sup> See Attachment 1 to this document.

<sup>3/</sup> See INFCIRC/346/Add.1.

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"I would be grateful if you would express to your Government my deep regret and condolences at the loss of life and at the injuries to which Mr. Amrollahi refers.

"I would also be grateful if you would transmit the contents of this letter to Mr. Amrollahi with my assurance that the contents of his messages are being circulated to all Member States as requested. I am also sending copies of Mr. Amrollahi's messages together with this reply to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"Mr. Amroliahi requested the despatch of an expert mission on nuclear safety and radiation protection in order to control the radiological consequences of the recent attacks. We are ready to do so, but first we need any information that you can provide about the state of the nuclear material together with the initial assessment of the consequences of the event made by your nuclear authorities so that we can better establish what type of assistance you might need from the Agency. Based upon the information previously supplied to the Agency by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran our initial assessment indicates that the nature and small amount of nuclear material stored at the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant could not create a significant radiological hazard to the public.

"I note the request from Mr. Amrollabi for a mission to Bushehr by Agency safeguards inspectors. Earlier this year discussions took place between the Agency and your Mission about the application of safeguards to the nuclear material transferred to the storage area on the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant. In this correspondence the Agency explained that it saw no need to make a pre-operational inspection and, after examining the information supplied with the design information questionnaire, requested further information and clarification. Until that additional information and clarification has been provided and examined, the Agency will not be able to determine whether a pre-operational inspection will be necessary at this stage. No doubt, if changes have occurred to the nature and quantity of the nuclear material stored at Bushehr, you will inform us in accordance with the normal safeguards procedures."

6. I AM CIRCULATING THE TEXTS OF THIS MESSAGE AND OF YOUR MESSAGE OF 19 NOVEMBER 1987 TO ALL MEMBER STATES.