

Information Circular

INFCIRC/876

Date: 10 June 2015

General Distribution

English

Original: Russian

Communication dated 8 June 2015 received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 8 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency.
2. As requested, the communication is circulated herewith for information.

Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation
to the international organizations in Vienna

Erzherzog-Karl-Strasse 182
A-1220 Vienna
Tel.: (043-1) 282 53 91, 282 53 93
Fax: (043-1) 280 56 87

№ 1852-n

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the international organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to attach the text of the reservation voiced by the Russian Federation in connection with approval of the draft Annual Report for 2014:

"The Russian Federation has studied carefully the draft Annual Report for 2014 prepared by the IAEA Director General, contained in document GOV/2015/27, and the additional information annexed to it. We noticed that the annex to the draft report contains an inaccurate assertion to the effect that during the entire period covered by the report (2014) Sevastopol was supposedly part of Ukraine. This assertion is false and ignores the fact that, following the illegal overthrow of the government in Kiev in February 2014, the population of what was at that time the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, including the city of Sevastopol, voted, in a referendum, in favour of secession from Ukraine and reunification with the Russian Federation. This will of the people was made reality. Thereafter, we officially informed the IAEA Secretariat that the relevant facilities in the Crimea were under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and proposed that the Agency apply safeguards at those facilities in accordance with our safeguards agreement.

Therefore, the Russian Federation cannot agree to any parts of the Annual Report, the annexes thereto, or the Safeguards Implementation Report which contradict objective reality, and rejects them completely. For us, politically and legally, they are null and void.

We note that in the annex to the Annual Report for 2014 there is a footnote to the effect that entries in the list of nuclear facilities do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Agency concerning the legal status of any country or territory or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers. We take note of this footnote, but it does not alter the necessity for us to voice this reservation.

We request that our reservation be included in the text of the reports in question and in the cover letters sent with them to the United Nations General Assembly."

IAEA Secretariat

Vienna

The Permanent Mission requests that this note be circulated as an IAEA Information Circular and that the Russian Federation be informed of the inclusion of the above reservation in the text of the reports in question and in the cover letters sent with them to the United Nations General Assembly.

The Mission avails itself of this opportunity to assure the Secretariat of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 8 June 2015

[stamp]