

## Information Circular

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### Communication dated 11 June 2015 received from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 11 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Agency.
2. As requested, the communication is circulated herewith for information.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the United States to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honor to attach the text related to Ukraine in the statement delivered by the United States Governor at the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors on 8 June 2015 in connection with the Annual Report for 2014:

"I take the floor again to reject the statement made by our Russian colleague. As in the case of the Safeguards Implementation Report (SIR), the Secretariat has acted completely correctly, and in accordance with international law and UNGA resolution 68/262. The IAEA did not take any action to recognize a change in Crimea's status despite Russia's occupation and attempted annexation. Ukraine's safeguards agreement continues to apply to Crimea, as an integral part of Ukraine's territory, and as it did throughout 2014. Specifically, the IAEA listed the Sevastopol Research Reactor as a Ukrainian facility.

"We regret Russia's occupation and attempted annexation of Crimea. We continue to call for an end to Russia's occupation of Crimea, which would allow IAEA all appropriate access under Ukraine's safeguards agreement.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

"In accordance with UNGA resolution 68/262, and as the Secretariat has made clear, Ukraine's safeguards agreement continues to apply to Crimea, which is an integral part of Ukraine. It would be inappropriate, and contrary to international law and UNGA resolution 68/262, for the IAEA to undertake any activities in Crimea under Russia's safeguards agreements.

"The U.S. reiterates our previous statement that the IAEA draft Annual Report should be forwarded as is to the General Conference."

The Permanent Mission of the United States further notes the importance of all reports, letters and other documents from the Agency remaining consistent with international law and UN General Assembly Resolution 68/262 and avoiding any ambiguity as to the territorial integrity of Ukraine. Crimea has been and remains an integral part of Ukraine. We welcome the statement by the Director of the Office of Legal Affairs in the Board of Governors on 10 June 2015 under item 7(b) ("The Safeguards Implementation Report for 2014") of the Board's agenda (GOV/2015/38). We request that this Note Verbale be circulated as an IAEA Information Circular.

The Permanent Mission of the United States avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy the assurances of its highest consideration.

United States Mission to International Organizations in Vienna

June 11, 2015,

Vienna, Austria.

