

Information Circular

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Communication dated 30 October 2015 received from the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan to the Agency concerning the 59th regular session of the General Conference

1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 30 October 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan to the Agency.

2. As requested, the communication is circulated herewith for information.

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

No. 122-1

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA Secretariat and Member States' permanent missions to the Agency, and has the honour to enclose herewith note verbale No. 106-1 of 19 September 2015 from the Permanent Mission, and to inform them of the following.

For technical reasons, the Permanent Mission's note No. 106-1 of 19 September 2015, which is enclosed herewith, could not be delivered to the addressees.

The Permanent Mission therefore requests that the contents of this note be brought to the attention of the IAEA management and the ministries of foreign affairs of the Agency's Member States, and that they be informed that the Republic of Uzbekistan reaffirms its unwavering position in support of the draft resolution on Israeli nuclear capabilities, a vote on which took place on 17 September 2015 at the 59th session of the IAEA General Conference.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the IAEA avails itself of this opportunity to assure the IAEA Secretariat and Member States' permanent missions to the Agency of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 30 October 2015

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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

No. 106-1

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA Secretariat and Member States' permanent missions to the Agency, and has the honour to inform them of the following.

The Republic of Uzbekistan is committed to global disarmament and non-proliferation efforts, and supports the total elimination of nuclear weapons, effective measures and the indefinite extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Uzbekistan initiated the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia and is grateful to the IAEA and its Member States for their assistance in realizing this initiative.

The Republic of Uzbekistan is strongly in favour of the creation of new nuclear-free zones throughout the world, first and foremost in the Middle East. Uzbekistan has long been a consistent supporter of efforts to establish a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons.

Taking account of the above, the Permanent Mission wishes to note that Uzbekistan's delegation was not able to participate in the vote on the draft resolution on Israeli nuclear capabilities at the 59th session of the IAEA General Conference, which took place on 17 September 2015 in Vienna, owing to unavoidable circumstances related to the delegation's participation in a number of other events and discussions at the 59th session of the General Conference.

With a view to avoiding misinterpretation of the absence of the delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan from the vote on the resolution, Uzbekistan reaffirms its unwavering position in support of this document.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the IAEA avails itself of this opportunity to assure the IAEA Secretariat and Member States' permanent missions to the Agency of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 19 September 2015

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