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

The attached texts of three telex messages to the Director General from Mr. R. Amrollahi, Deputy Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran and President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, are being circulated to all Member States at Mr. Amrollahi's request.

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ATTACHMENT 1

TELEX KHS/16018 OF 17 NOVEMBER 1987

Your Excellency,

I take the liberty of informing you of the following act of aggression and violation of the Agency's Statute:

At 11.45 a.m. local time today, Tuesday, 17 November 1987, the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant (B.N.P.P.) was attacked. The immediate consequences of this outrage were as follows: nine staff members of B.N.P.P. and one foreign expert were killed and several wounded, and serious damage was inflicted on the nuclear power plant installations, which contain safeguardable nuclear material.

Following a previous communication (confidential letter of the Resident Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, reference 1532, of 17 February 1987) regarding the existence of nuclear material at the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, which is under IAEA safeguards, I hereby request an urgent mission of IAEA safeguards inspectors in order to inspect the aforementioned nuclear material and to advise the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran on appropriate measures within the IAEA's safeguards regulations.

ATTACHMENT 2

TELEX KHS/16019 OF 17 NOVEMBER 1987

Your Excellency,

Further to our telex KHS/16018 of 17 November 1987 regarding the military attack on the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant by the aggressive regime of Iraq, now confirmed by Iraqi military communiqué No. 2917 of 17 November 1987, I have the honour to recall the official threat made by the Ambassador of the said regime in the Federal Republic of Germany on 28 January 1987, who stated that the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant had to be considered a target for air attack. The matter was reported immediately to the Agency (see document INFCLRC/341).

I would also like to recall four more military attacks made by the aggressive regime of Iraq, on 24 March 1984, 12 February 1985, 5 March 1985 and 12 July 1986; the full reports on these appear in Agency documents GOV/INF/471, GOV/INF/471/Add.1, GOV/INF/473 and GC(XXX)/OR.284. These threats and attacks against a peaceful nuclear installation are a clear violation of Agency General Conference resolution GC(XXIX)/RES/444, and in particular its second operative paragraph, in which it is stated that "any armed attack on and threat against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter, international la and the Statute of the Agency".

I hereby request the IAEA to take immediate appropriate measures in order to prevent any further threat or attack, as that might lead to the same transboundary radioactive release and radiological consequences as the Chernobyl nuclear accident owing to the existence of nuclear material under IAEA safeguards at the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant.

Bearing in mind your concern about this issue, as declared on various occasions, I expect serious, prompt action by you in condemning the recent attack and preventing further aggression, which is a serious threat to the environment and to the peaceful development of nuclear energy in developing countries. A mission of Agency experts in nuclear safety and radiation protection to the site of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant in order to control the radiological consequences of the recent damage would be appreciated.

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TELEX KHS/16020 OF 17 NOVEMBER 1987

Your Excellency,

Further to my telexes Nos. 16018 and 16019 regarding the Iraqi military attack on the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, I would like to inform you with profound regret that one more attack was made today at 16.45 hours. On behal of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I expect your immediate action in preventing further violation of the very spirit of the IAFA's Statute by the aggressive regime of Iraq.