

# Information Circular

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## The Text of the Agreement of 29 February 1988 between Nigeria and the Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

### **An Agreement by Exchange of Letters with the Federal Republic of Nigeria to rescind the Protocol to the Safeguards Agreement**

1. The text of the Exchange of Letters, constituting an agreement to rescind the Protocol<sup>1</sup> to the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>2</sup>, is reproduced in this document for the information of all Member States of the Agency.
2. The rescission agreed upon in the Exchange of Letters entered into force on 14 August 2012, the date of the Agency's reply to Nigeria confirming the rescission.

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<sup>1</sup> Referred to as the "Small Quantities Protocol".

<sup>2</sup> Reproduced in document INFCIRC/358.



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20<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

**Director-General,**  
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*Your Excellency,*

**LETTER TO RESCIND SMALL QUANTITY PROTOCOL**

I have the honour to refer to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) signed between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the International Atomic Energy Agency in February, 1988, and the IAEA Inspectors' visit to Nigeria's Nuclear Research Reactor located at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for physical inventory verification.

2. I wish, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to propose that the Small Quantity Protocol signed between the Nigerian Government and the IAEA be rescinded as Nigeria's full compliance with the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) as rendered the Small Quantity Protocol unnecessary.

3. If this proposal is acceptable, IAEA's affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the IAEA to rescind the Small Quantity Protocol.

4. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

**Amb. Olugbenga A. Ashiru, MFR**  
Honourable Minister

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

14 August 2012

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 20 July 2012, which reads as follows:

*"I have the honour to refer to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) signed between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the International Atomic Energy Agency in February, 1988, and the IAEA Inspectors' visit to Nigeria's Nuclear Research Reactor located at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for physical inventory verification.*

*2. I wish, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to propose that the Small Quantit[ies] Protocol signed between the Nigerian Government and the IAEA be rescinded as Nigeria's full compliance with the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) [h]as rendered the Small Quantit[ies] Protocol unnecessary.*

*3. If this proposal is acceptable, IAEA's affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the IAEA to rescind the Small Quantit[ies] Protocol."*

I am pleased to confirm that the Protocol (Small Quantities Protocol) to the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is rescinded as of 14 August 2012, the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the IAEA

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