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IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATEMENT OF 11 OCTOBER 1993
BY THE MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY OF
THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (INFCIRC/422)**

The attached Note by the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in connection with the statement of 11 October 1993 by the Minister of Atomic Energy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (INFCIRC/422) is being circulated for the information of Member States.

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The Secretariat of the IAEA would like to bring the following to the attention of the Member States of the Agency in connection with the Statement by the Minister of Atomic Energy of the DPRK referred to above:

1. According to the transcript of the press briefing by the United Nations spokesman in New York dated 12 October 1993 quote "A journalist stated that the Atomic Energy Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea had yesterday accused the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of using a forged letter from the Secretary-General to pressure them on their nuclear problem. The Secretary-General denied any knowledge of the letter during a meeting with that country's delegation, the correspondent continued.

Mr. Sills explained that the letter referred to by the correspondent was a message of the Secretary-General to the opening of the thirty-seventh regular session of the General Conference of the IAEA. The message was delivered in Vienna on behalf of the Secretary-General by Vladimir Petrovsky, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, on 27 September. The text of the message was put out as a press release (SG/SM/5113, issued 29 September). The message read by Mr. Petrovsky was completely valid. It was a message from the Secretary-General to the Conference and any allegation that it was a forgery was nonsense, Mr. Sills said.

There was one mistake for which the United Nations apologized, he added. In the text of the Secretary-General's message, mention was made of "North Korea". It should have read the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Mr. Sills apologized for that error" unquote.

2. The IAEA Secretariat was not consulted on the content of the Secretary-General's message prior to its delivery nor was it involved in its drafting.