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**COMMUNICATION OF 15 MAY 1995 RECEIVED
FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PERU
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

1. The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received the attached note verbale of 15 May 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Peru transmitting comments on statements made by the Director of the Atomic Energy Commission of the Republic of Ecuador, concerning possible diversion of Peruvian nuclear technology for non-peaceful purposes.
2. As requested by the Permanent Mission of Peru, the text of the note verbale is circulated to the Member States.

**TEXT OF NOTE VERBALE OF 15 MAY 1995
FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PERU**

The Permanent Mission of Peru presents its compliments to the International Atomic Energy Agency and fords itself obliged to draw attention to recent statements made by the Director of the Atomic Energy Commission of the Republic of Ecuador, Mr. Celiano Almeida, concerning possible diversion of Peruvian nuclear technology for non-peaceful purposes.

In this context, the Permanent Mission of Peru wishes to point out and underscore that Peru is a full member of the International Atomic Energy Agency and hence complies with the international treaties to which it is a party and which have been signed and are in force within the Agency's framework. Furthermore, it recalls Peru's long and acknowledged record as a country firmly opposed to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and its unswerving stand in the matter of defending and promoting Latin America as a zone free from such weapons of mass destruction. A recent example of the firmness of Peru's principled stand in this regard is its particular and resolute support for an indefinite extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons - as adopted by the Extension and Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which completed its deliberations last week in New York City.

It is important to point out that the Government of Peru has in force and under implementation a safeguards agreement with the IAEA relating to the obligations contained in the NPT and in the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America, which international instruments it fully respects and complies with.

Pursuant to its international obligations, the Government of Peru regularly receives inspection missions to its facilities associated with the development and application of nuclear energy in the country, thus strictly complying with the safeguards agreement concluded with the IAEA and thereby guaranteeing the use of this technology for strictly peaceful purposes.

For the aforementioned reasons, the Government of Peru would attach no further importance to this type of disinformative statements, which serve only to disturb relations with the fraternal Republic of Ecuador, were it not for the fact that such statements have been made by the highest official of that country's Atomic Energy Commission and might therefore gain credence.

In transmitting the above comments, the Permanent Mission of Peru requests the International Atomic Energy Agency to be good enough to circulate the present communication to all Member States of the Agency in all its working languages.

The Permanent Mission of Peru avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest esteem.