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Communication of 13 November 2003 from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the International Atomic Energy Agency concerning an Additional Protocol to Morocco's Safeguards Agreement with the Agency

1. The Director General has received a letter from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco regarding its decision to conclude an additional protocol to its NPT safeguards agreement.
2. In light of the wish expressed in the letter, its text is attached hereto.

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to
the International Organizations in Vienna

The Ambassador and Resident Representative of Morocco

Vienna, 13 November 2003

Subject: Signature by Morocco of a Protocol Additional to the Safeguards Agreement

Dear Sir,

Further to our discussions on the above subject and by order of my Government, I have the honour of informing you that the Kingdom of Morocco is prepared to sign a Protocol Additional to the Safeguards Agreement concluded with the IAEA. It wishes to engage in negotiations with the Agency's Secretariat to that end.

Morocco's willingness to take this step is further confirmation of its total commitment to full observance of the non-proliferation regime established by the Non-Proliferation Treaty and maintained by the Agency in virtue of its verification and control mandate.

In order to accelerate the process leading to due and proper signature of the Additional Protocol by my Government, it would be useful for an expert mission to visit Morocco as soon as possible to review locally the steps and measures to be taken for this purpose.

I should be grateful if you would make the above known to the members of the Board of Governors and to all the Agency's Member States.

Yours, etc.,

(signed) Omar ZNIBER
Ambassador

Director General
IAEA