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Communication received from the Resident Representative of the Russian Federation to the Agency transmitting the text of the Statement of the President of the Russian Federation on the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy

The Agency has received a communication dated 30 January 2006 from the Resident Representative of the Russian Federation, attaching a statement by the President of the Russian Federation on the peaceful use of nuclear energy delivered at the meeting of the Interstate Council of the Eurasian Economic Community on 25 January 2006.

The communication from the Resident Representative and, as requested therein, its attachment, are herewith circulated for the information of Member States.

Permanent Mission of the
Russian Federation to the
International Organizations in Vienna

Date: 30 January 2006

Dear Sir,

I am sending you the text of a statement on the peaceful use of nuclear energy made by the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. V.V. Putin, at a meeting of the Interstate Council of the Eurasian Economic Community on 25 January 2006.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this statement as an official document of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Yours, etc.

(signed) Grigory Berdennikov
Governor, Resident Representative

His Excellency Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General
IAEAVienna



January 25, 2006,
St Petersburg

Statement on the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy

We view security as a multidimensional concept. It is an area that requires a carefully considered and complex approach. Based on this position, Russia is firmly committed to expanding cooperation on global energy security within the framework of the Eurasian Economic Community. One of the priorities in this area is to develop cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Cooperation in this field opens up real new opportunities for all of us. Taking into consideration the agreements with the President of Kazakhstan, concrete plans are being drawn up for expanding cooperation between the nuclear energy sector enterprises in our countries.

Uzbekistan's accession to the Eurasian Economic Community creates additional new opportunities for building a nuclear-fuel component that will serve as a reliable element in the energy supply policy for the long term.

It is particularly important to develop our countries' full potential in this area today at a time when demand for quality energy supplies is growing constantly. Dwindling fossil fuel reserves and environmental issues have become questions of crucial importance on the international agenda.

We need to create the prototype of a global infrastructure that will give all interested countries equal access to nuclear energy, while stressing reliable compliance with the requirements of the non-proliferation regime, of course.

The creation of a system of international centres providing nuclear fuel cycle services, including enrichment, on a non-discriminatory basis and under the control of the IAEA, could become a key element in developing this new infrastructure.

Russia has already made just such a proposal and is prepared to establish an international centre of this kind on its territory.

Innovative new technologies will undoubtedly be required in this respect to create new generation reactors and their fuel cycles. These kinds of issues can be resolved only through broad-based international cooperation. This is the approach that we will present to the G8 countries during our presidency, and to all our partners in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.