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Communication dated 1 November 2006 received from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the Agency regarding the Statement by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the Nuclear Test Conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Agency has received a letter to the Director General dated 1 November 2006 from the Resident Representative of Cuba, H.E. Ms. Norma M. Goicochea Estenoz, in her capacity as the Chair of the Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement, enclosing a copy of the “Statement by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the Nuclear Test Conducted by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea”.

The letter and, as requested by the Resident Representative, its enclosure, are reproduced herewith for the information of Member States.



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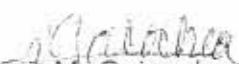
Vienna, 1 November, 2006

Excellency,

I have the honour to attach herewith, in my capacity as Chair of The Vienna Chapter of the Non Aligned Movement, a copy of the statement adopted by the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement on the Nuclear Test Conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

I would be very grateful if you kindly distribute the above mentioned statement as an official document of the Agency.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.


Norma M. Goicochea Estenoz
Ambassador

H.E. Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General
International Atomic Energy Agency

**STATEMENT BY THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT ON THE NUCLEAR TEST CONDUCTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

13 October 2006

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries expresses its concern while recognizing the complexities arising from nuclear test in the Korean Peninsula which underlined the need to work even harder to achieve the Movement's disarmament objectives, including elimination of nuclear weapons. The Movement calls upon the parties concerned in the region to exercise restraint, which contributes to regional security, to discontinue nuclear tests and not to transfer nuclear weapons-related materials, equipment and technology.
2. The Movement expresses its desire for the realization of the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and continues to support the resumption of the Six-Party Talks at the soonest possible time. The Movement strongly believes that diplomacy and dialogue through peaceful means must continue to find a long term solution to the Korean nuclear issue.
3. In light of this action, the Movement reaffirms its principled positions on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on the related issue of nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects and stresses the importance that efforts aiming at non-proliferation should be parallel to simultaneous efforts aiming at nuclear disarmament. It stresses its concern at the threat to humanity posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and of their possible use or threat of use. It reiterates deep concern over the slow pace of progress towards nuclear disarmament and the lack of progress by the nuclear weapons-States (NWS) to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals. It underscores the need for the NWS to implement the unequivocal undertaking that they provided in 2000 so as to accomplish the total elimination of nuclear weapons and emphasises, in this regard, the urgent need to commence negotiations without delay.
4. The Movement stresses its principles and priorities on disarmament and international security as adopted at the XIV Summit Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Havana, Cuba, on 11-16 September 2006.