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1. The Director General has received a communication dated 12 December 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia concerning its nuclear policies and practices.
2. As requested, the communication is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.



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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to transmit this communication concerning Namibia's nuclear policies and practices.

The Republic of Namibia adheres to major international nuclear non-proliferation agreements in this field- the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials, and Treaty of Pelindaba that is Africa's declaration for a nuclear-weapon-free zone and will constitute an important step towards strengthening the non-proliferation regime, promoting cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, promoting general and complete disarmament and enhancing regional and international peace and security. These form part of Namibia's national nuclear non-proliferation policies.

The Guidelines on the Nuclear Transfer contained in the Trigger List and list of Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment, Materials, Software and Related Technology have been incorporated in the Republic of Namibia's export control system. The Republic of Namibia adopted the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act 33 of December 1992 and Import and Export Control Act 30 of November 1994 which further strengthened government control over transfers of strategic materials, including nuclear material. In February 1998 the Republic of Namibia signed its Full Scope Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA. In October 2002 the Republic of Namibia established the state system on accounting, control, and physical protection of nuclear materials and the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Policy which was approved in 2014.

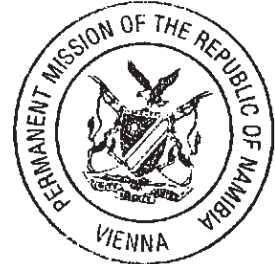
The Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia has approved the ratification of the Amendments of the Physical protection of Nuclear Material and is awaiting Parliamentary approval during the first quarter of 2017.

In the establishing its National Export Control System as contained in Part XIII of the Namibian Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act 33 of December 1992, the Republic of Namibia decided to respect and act in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Part 1 and Part 2 as amended, with regard to any transfer of nuclear material, equipment and related technology, including nuclear related dual-use equipment, materials, software and related technology.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia to the International Organisations in Vienna requests the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this note to all IAEA Member States for their information and as evidence of the Republic of Namibia's support for the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

To the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency
Vienna



12 December 2016

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