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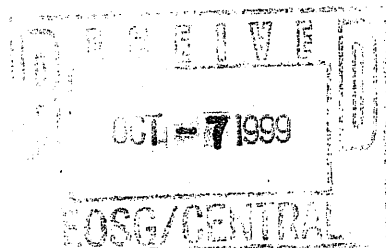
6 October 1999

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to convey the attached communication from Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency dated 6 October 1999.

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

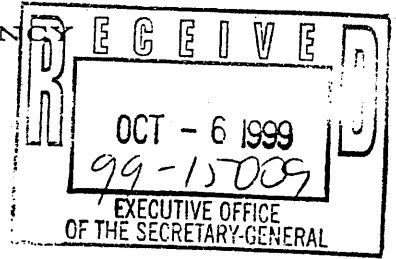
Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



- Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov
President of the Security Council
New York

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY



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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

6 October 1999

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I would be grateful if you could arrange to transmit the attached letter to the President of the Security Council.

Yours sincerely,

Mohamed ElBaradei

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6 October 1999

Dear Mr. President,

In paragraph 16 of resolution 1051 (1996) the Director General of the IAEA is requested to submit consolidated progress reports every six-months to the Council, commencing 11 April 1996¹.

As the Council is aware, the Agency has not been in a position, since 16 December 1998, to implement its mandate in Iraq under the relevant Security Council resolutions and is thus unable to provide any measure of assurance of Iraq's compliance with its obligations under those resolutions. In this context, I should record that the Agency has not received from Iraq the semi-annual declarations required by paragraph 22 and Annex 2 of the Agency's ongoing monitoring and verification (OMV) plan. These semi-annual declarations are the principal means for the provision of information, by Iraq, regarding the current use, and any changes in use, of certain facilities, installations and sites and the inventory and location of certain materials, equipment and isotopes. The semi-annual declarations were due on 15 January 1999 and 15 July 1999.

As I have previously reported, there is no technical impediment to the Agency's full implementation in Iraq of its plan for the ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraq's compliance with its obligations under the relevant resolutions and, as part of the plan, to continue to follow up on the few remaining questions and concerns relating to Iraq's clandestine nuclear programme and any other matter which may come to the Agency's attention.

The Agency maintains an operational plan for the resumption of its verification activities in Iraq and would be able to respond, at short notice, to a request from the Security Council to resume those activities in Iraq, under the relevant resolutions.

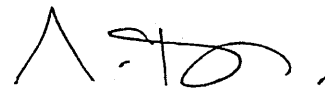
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I would take this opportunity to stress that for the Agency to fully implement the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council, it is essential that the Agency retain its right to unrestricted access provided for in the relevant resolutions and as specified in the Agency's OMV plan. Further, I would reiterate the importance of the necessary provisions being made for adequate, longer-term funding for the Agency's implementation of that mandate – paragraphs 26-28 of my report, document S/1999/127, dated 9 February 1999, refer.

Please arrange for the distribution of this letter as a Security Council document.

Yours sincerely,



Mohamed ElBaradei

¹ The previous consolidated reports of the Director General of the IAEA were circulated as document S/1996/261 of 11 April 1996, as document S/1996/833 of 7 October 1996, as document S/1997/297 of 11 April 1997, as document S/1997/779 of 8 October 1997, as document S/1998/312 of 9 April 1998, as document S/1998/927 of 7 October 1998 and as document S/1999/393 of 7 April 1999. Document S/1998/694, dated 27 July 1998, contained the text of an interim status report provided in response to the Security Council Presidential Statement S/PRST/1998/11 dated 14 May 1998. Document S/1999/127, dated 9 February 1999, contained the text of an interim status report provided in response to the note by the President of the Security Council S/1999/100 dated 30 January 1999.