Communication dated 24 April 2012 received from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Agency

The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 24 April 2012 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Agency regarding the recent Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul.

As requested by the Permanent Mission, the Note Verbale is circulated herewith for information.
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Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic to International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with reference to the recent Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul (Republic of Korea) would like to draw the Agency’s attention to the following:

Resolution GC(55)-RES-10 of the previous General Conference emphasizes on the need for the involvement of all Member States of the Agency in nuclear security related activities and initiatives in an inclusive manner. It is regretful that this commitment was not respected by the host country of the Nuclear Security Summit, held in Seoul in 2012. Adoption of a selective approach and extending the invitation to only one third and not to all Member States of the Agency is in contravention of the afore-mentioned resolution. The Islamic Republic of Iran has serious concern towards this approach which prescribes the exclusive manner in conducting the issues related to nuclear security which is a global concern requiring a collective approach and close cooperation of all Member States.

Given the above-mentioned exclusiveness, the Agency’s Secretariat does not have the endorsement of all Member States to reflect any documents or outcome of the said gathering in the relevant meetings of the Agency for subsequent measures.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the International Atomic Energy Agency, while requesting this Verbal Note to be published as INFCIRC, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the IAEA the assurances of its highest consideration.

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