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Communication dated 3 January 2006 received from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Agency

Report by the Director General

The Secretariat of the Agency received on 3 January 2006 a Note Verbale of the same date from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran in which Iran informed the Agency that “in benefiting full privilege and inalienable rights for research and development on nuclear energy as recognised in article III of the Agency Statute and article IV of the NPT, the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) has decided to resume from 9 January 2006 those R&D on the peaceful nuclear energy programme which has been suspended as part of its expanded voluntary and non-legally binding suspension. The Agency is thus requested to take necessary and timely preparation in this regard. It is to be noted that the said R&D will be conducted in accordance with Iran’s Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA.”

The Secretariat is in the process of seeking clarifications from Iran as to the implications of the Note Verbale.

The Director General will continue to report to the Board as appropriate.