

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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Dear Prime Minister,

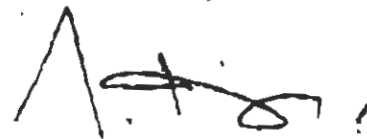
I am writing to you in connection with the proposed export of nuclear equipment (neutron power instrumentation) from Belgium to Pakistan, in regard to which the Government of Pakistan has asked me to convey to your Government the Agency's view on the relevance of such equipment for the safe operation of the Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (KANUPP).

To this end, I can confirm that as the neutron power instrumentation affects the basic safety function of controlling the power level at KANUPP, and as KANUPP is currently equipped with ageing neutron power instrumentation, the equipment in question would be required to avoid degradation of the level of safety of the reactor. In our view, the operation of the reactor without replacement of this ageing equipment could result in serious safety consequences.

As you know, Pakistan is not party to a comprehensive safeguards agreement with the IAEA. However, IAEA safeguards have been applied to the KANUPP plant since 1969 pursuant to a "facility specific" Safeguards Agreement. On the basis of that Agreement, we can confirm that there has been no indication that the KANUPP plant, or any equipment, nuclear material or non-nuclear material required to be subject to safeguards in that plant, has been diverted for any military purpose or was otherwise being misused.

I trust the above will assist you in further considering this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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