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Communication received from the Resident Representative of the Russian Federation to the Agency concerning a statement of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation

1. The Agency has received a communication dated 30 August 2005 from the Resident Representative of the Russian Federation, attaching a statement by the heads of State of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan adopted at the Moscow session of the Collective Security Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on 23 June 2005.
2. The communication from the Russian Federation and, as requested therein, its attachment, are herewith circulated for the information of Member States.

Permanent Mission of the
Russian Federation to the
International Organizations in Vienna

Date: 30 August 2005

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to forward the statement by the heads of State of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan adopted at the Moscow session of the Collective Security Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on 23 June 2005.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this statement as an official document of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Accept, Sir, etc.,
(signed) G. Berdennikov
Resident Representative

Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General
IAEA
Vienna

STATEMENT OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS, THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

We, the heads of the member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), at our meeting in the year of the 60th anniversary of the victory over fascism, declare our intention to step up efforts to strengthen the solidarity and unity of our countries with a view to ensuring international peace and security and consolidating stability in the Organization's area of responsibility.

We consider inadmissible any attempts to revise the results of the Second World War and to re-examine the moral and ethical assessments of this military catastrophe of the twentieth century. In this connection, we welcome the adoption by consensus at the 59th session of the UN General Assembly in 2004 of the resolution initiated by the CSTO member states and several other CIS countries on the declaration of 8–9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation.

Remembering the vast numbers of victims incurred in the years of the Great Patriotic War, the member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization are firmly resolved to take active steps on a broad collective basis to address the challenges and threats facing the world community, above all international terrorism. We note with pleasure the completion of the UN's work on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, which it is planned to open for signature at the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly. We are ready to make our weighty contribution to strengthening the antiterrorism coalition and to participating actively in the resolution of other pressing international problems, including taking action against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal migration, human trafficking, etc.

Declaring that the CSTO member states will not be the first to put weapons of any kind into space, we express the hope that other States will follow our example.

We attach particular attention to the development of cooperation with the United Nations Organization. We are convinced that the granting to the CSTO of observer status at the UN General Assembly will open further avenues in this respect.

With a view to fuller use of the unique potential of the OSCE, we are in favour of its realistic reform and adaptation to the tasks of addressing the threats and challenges of the twenty-first century.

All-round collaboration within the framework of the CIS, SCO and EurAsEC is important for the CSTO member states.

We support the establishment of collaboration with the European Union, including on security and stability issues. We confirm our readiness to develop contacts and cooperation with NATO, particularly on issues to address the new challenges and threats.

We appeal to interested countries, international and regional organizations closely to coordinate their actions with regard to post-conflict settlement in Afghanistan with the UN playing a central role so that this country can resolve the political and economic problems facing it and be transformed into a democratic state. We support the adoption of firm measures to combat the threat of drugs proliferation stemming from Afghanistan, both within the framework of the CSTO and also by means of participation in international efforts aimed at the establishment of anti-drug safety belts around the perimeter of this country.

We support the establishment of a new democratic Iraq and the rapid stabilization of the situation in this country through the development of dialogue, focused on the attainment of a nationwide consensus.

We believe that the emerging divergence in assessments and opinions about the development of Iran's nuclear programme can and must be resolved by exclusively peaceful political means with regard for its sovereign rights to use atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

We support the settlement and unblocking of the situation surrounding the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue.

Our strategic goal is the establishment of a just democratic world order, which must be based on the principle of the supremacy of international law, mutual respect of the interests and ensuring the equal security of all states. We wish to see the Eurasian continent flourishing and secure.

For the Republic of Armenia
(signed)

For the Republic of Kyrgyzstan
(signed)

For the Republic of Belarus
(signed)

For the Russian Federation
(signed)

For the Republic of Kazakhstan
(signed)

For the Republic of Tajikistan
(signed)

Moscow, 23 June 2005