

The only position taken by French representatives was to reiterate that there has been no repeat no change in their position, which is to consider each situation on a case-by-case basis, as has been their practice since the May 1959 discussions of the group. They were not repeat not prepared at this time to enter into commitments regarding uniform practice.

3. *Measures to Promote Stability Within Industries Affected by Safeguards:*

At the suggestion of Australian representative (whose government had originally proposed this agenda item,) it was agreed that discussion of this item would be deferred until some later date.

4. *Registration of Bilateral Transfers with the IAEA:*

As a result of discussion on this item, it was decided to defer, for the present, steps to establish a registration system within the IAEA. Although some participants agreed in principle that the objective of such a system was worthy of consideration, numerous practical difficulties were seen. These included at the present time:

- (a) difficulty of selection of items to be included,
- (b) difficulty of reconciliation with British Commonwealth practice of not repeat not registering with any international organization the bilateral transactions between Commonwealth countries,
- (c) introduction of additional formality into bilateral transactions,
- (d) necessity of securing agreement of recipient countries for establishment of arrangements for registration system,
- (e) desirability of allowing agency to obtain experience in operating the safeguard system as now formulated before additional practices are added.

5. *Specialized Equipment and Non-Nuclear Material:*

After extensive discussions and statements of the views of the participants, it was recognized that specialized equipment should attract safeguards no repeat no less than natural and enriched uranium. Entire major facilities, such as power reactors, chemical processing plants, and fuel fabrication plants, should clearly be subject to safeguards. French representative pointed out that the position taken on item 2 above would also govern this item.

Definition of those major components which might attract safeguards present more difficult problems. There was disagreement as to the importance and feasibility of attaching safeguards to sales of certain materials (heavy water, tritium) with special or virtually exclusive nuclear applications. Further consultation and exchanges of view on these items will be required as the necessity arises.

It appeared impractical and unnecessary to attempt application of safeguards to sales of minor components or to sales of components or materials (e.g. monazite and thorium) when furnished as normal items of commerce for non-nuclear applications.

6. *Future Considerations:*

There was general agreement that a similar informal exchange of views on the matters considered at the present meeting would be profitable at an appropriate date in about six months. It was further agreed that the participants would informally consult each other at the time of the September meetings of the IAEA Board of Governors with a view to setting a date for a future meeting. At the same time, the participants would further consult informally on the desirability of inviting additional countries supplying nuclear materials or equipment to participate in the next meeting." Text Ends.