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MEETING OF WESTERN NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS

Following is text of the agreed draft summary note of conclusions: Text Begins:

“1. *Introduction:*

USA Ambassador welcomed the group. The Chairman said that purpose of the meeting was to enable a frank and informal discussion and exchange of views on problems of common interest. Any decisions indicated as a result of the discussions would be for governments, and the discussions were entirely ad referendum.

2. *Uniformity in Practice Regarding Bilateral Safeguards:*

During an extensive discussion of this item there appeared to be broad agreement among the participants that they would recommend to their governments that they should continue to follow generally uniform safeguards practices so long as there is no repeat no break in practice by others of the Western suppliers and so long as USSR does not repeat not emerge as a significant supplier of non-safeguarded materials and equipment outside the bloc.

It was recognized with respect to both materials and equipment that serious effects could follow from a lack of uniformity in safeguards practice for sale under bilateral arrangements, Euratom, ENEA or the IAEA. Practices inconsistent with those established by the IAEA would undercut the effective operation of the IAEA principles and procedures of supply under safeguards. They would also adversely affect the competitive position of other countries in a market in which the supply greatly exceeds foreseeable demand for some years.

The general situation therefore seems unchanged since the discussions in May 1959.² It was recognized that there are numerous uncertainties in the present situation and that imminent events, e.g. the Indian reactor submission of tenders,³ may change the entire complexion of bilateral safeguards practice. However, so long as there is no repeat no wide divergence in practice from uniform safeguards application, continuation of present practice despite existing uncertainties was recognized to be of considerable importance. IAEA principles and procedures (insert INFCIRC/26) have just been adopted and an opportunity should be given to gain experience with these procedures.

It was pointed out that it would be desirable for members of the group, in continuance of present informal practice, to exchange information from time to time about (a) exports by themselves or other friendly countries of nuclear equipment and materials for peaceful purposes and the safeguards arrangements which have been made, and (b) activities of Soviet bloc countries in this field.

² Voir/See Volume 26, document 474.

³ Voir le chapitre IV, 3^e partie, (c) (ii)/See Chapter IV, Part 3 (c) (ii).