

- (F) the parties should agree to periodic and timely consultations at which, inter alia, the information provided under guideline (E) would be updated and significant changes in the nuclear energy programme would receive the fullest possible consideration;
- (G) the reprocessing and plutonium storage should only take place when the information provided on the nuclear energy programme of the party in question has been received, when the undertakings, arrangements and other information called for by the guidelines are in place or have been received and when the parties have agreed that reprocessing and plutonium storage are an integral part of the described nuclear energy programme; where it is proposed to carry out reprocessing or storage of plutonium when these conditions are not met, the operation should take place only when the parties have so agreed after consultation, which should take place promptly to consider any such proposal;
- (H) the reprocessing and plutonium storage envisaged should only take place so long as the commitment of the party in question to non-proliferation does not change and so long as the commitment to periodic and timely consultations referred to in guideline (F) is honoured.

3. I note that Canada and the Community have agreed that the objectives of the above guidelines have been met.

In particular I note that Canada and the Community and its Member States, to the extent of their respective competences, have made an effective commitment to non-proliferation and have submitted all relevant material to IAEA safeguards, and to adequate physical protection measures, in paragraphs (c) and (g) of the Exchange of Letters completed by the letters from Member States' Foreign Ministers to Canadian Ambassadors on physical protection. I also note that the Community has provided Canada with the description of the current and planned nuclear energy programmes of the Community and of its Member States and that the notification and material reporting procedures have been settled.

4. Finally I note that these arrangements take into account, inter alia, the results of INFCE's studies in relation to the operations in question, as envisaged in paragraph 5 of Annex C to the Exchange of Letters. I note that the parties, in particular, acknowledge that the separation, storage, transportation and use of plutonium require particular measures to reduce the risk of nuclear proliferation; are determined to continue to support the development of international safeguards and other non-proliferation measures relevant to reprocessing and plutonium, including an effective and generally accepted international plutonium storage scheme; recognize the role of reprocessing in connection with the maximum use of available resources and the management of materials contained in spent fuel or other peaceful non-explosive uses, including research, in particular in the context of significant nuclear energy programmes; and desire the predictable and practi-