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IAEA SAFEGUARDS

My United States, United Kingdom colleagues and I have had a preliminary discussion about the handling of the safeguards issue at the General Conference this September. We were agreed that one important element in guiding the discussion along the right lines would be the submission at an early stage of a resolution which was likely to command the necessary support. I attach a draft of such a resolution which was initially prepared by the United States Delegation here and which has been amended to take into account the comments made by my United Kingdom colleague and myself.

2. We agreed that, in addition to enlisting support for the main safeguards paper and for a resolution on the general lines of the attached draft, the following additional points would have to be made in approaching individual delegations:

(a) We would expect them to oppose any motion, either at the beginning of the debate or at its conclusion, to the effect that a final decision on the safeguards paper should be deferred to a future session of the General Conference; and

(b) We would expect them to oppose any motion that there should be voting either on specific paragraphs of the safeguards document or on amendments to the present paper.

We are still considering the possibility of including in the introductory section of any resolution some language which would be calculated to impress on delegations the need, as a matter of equity, to have a safeguards document that would apply in the same terms to all prospective applicants for Agency assistance. Such language could, if necessary, be invoked in the course of the debate against any amendments in the sense that the scope and application of safeguards to a specific project should be determined in relation to that project.

3. We recognized that the resolution that has been drafted here would be voted on only at the conclusion of the debate on the safeguards paper. We were likely, however, to be faced with procedural issues in the course of the debate on which we would require the help and support of appropriate majorities. Since it is impossible to foresee the kind of procedural situations which might arise, we thought that the necessary support would probably have to be solicited as and when such situations arose. This would also have the advantage of not complicating unduly the task of briefing friendly delegations in advance.

4. While the United States Delegation have not yet come to a final conclusion on this matter, they and we are generally inclined not to oppose the suggestion of the Director General that the safeguards issue might be discussed in the Administrative and Legal Committee. All of us here are agreed that it would be good tactics to have Professor Randers of Norway elected as the chairman of that Committee and actively to support his candidature.

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