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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE CONCERNING COOPERATION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

I

Singapore, 15 December 1989

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Note No. 440/89

The Australian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to refer to discussions between the Governments of Australia and the Republic of Singapore concerning cooperation on the physical protection of Australian origin nuclear material in international nuclear transport through the territory of the Republic of Singapore.

The High Commission notes that both Australia and Singapore are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons adopted on 1 July 1968,² and also that both are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

¹ Came into force on 15 December 1989, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, p. 161.

The High Commission on behalf of the Government of Australia has the honour to propose that, in the case of trans-shipment within Singapore of Australian origin uranium ore concentrates from Australia while in international transport by sea, the following arrangements shall apply:

(i) The Government of Australia shall notify the Government of the Republic of Singapore in advance of shipments of Australian origin uranium ore concentrates. Such notifications shall specify mode of transport and expected time of arrival in the Republic of Singapore.

(ii) The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall confirm arrival and advise departure of such shipments in and from the Republic of Singapore.

(iii) Until the appropriate Government notifies the other otherwise, the contact agency for the Government of Australia shall be the Australian Safeguards Office and for the Government of the Republic of Singapore, the Port of Singapore Authority.

(iv) The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall ensure that Australian origin uranium ore concentrates are protected at least to the level provided

by the security and surveillance measures currently applicable in Singapore and which are as enumerated in Annex.

(v) In the case of theft, robbery or any other unlawful removal or loss of Australian origin uranium ore concentrates or credible threat thereto occurring within the Republic of Singapore, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall inform the Government of Australia as soon as possible, and where appropriate, after consultation with the Government of Australia, inform other States and international organisations and shall also, in accordance with its law, cooperate with the Government of Australia in recovering Australian origin uranium ore concentrates or in countering any credible threat of theft, robbery or any other unlawful removal of these ore concentrates.

(vi) To facilitate the foregoing the two Governments shall exchange information and, at the request of either Government, shall consult promptly concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement.

The Governments of Australia and Singapore recognise the desirability of consulting in the event of a proposed trans-shipment in Singapore of Australian origin nuclear

material from Australia other than uranium ore concentrates.

Each Government shall take appropriate measures, consistent with its law, to protect the confidentiality of any information which is received in confidence.

In the event that both Governments become parties to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material opened for signature at Vienna and New York on 3 March 1980,¹ they shall consult with each other to review the terms of this Agreement.

The High Commission has the honour to propose that, if the above is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Singapore, this Note together with the Ministry's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall come into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Australian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore the assurances of its highest consideration.

SINGAPORE

15 December 1989

¹United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1456, No. I-24631.

Annex

PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES OF URANIUM
CURRENTLY APPLICABLE IN SINGAPORE

1. Storage within a protected area which is illuminated and the perimeter of which consists of a physical barrier.
2. Controlled access to the protected area.
3. Patrols of the protected area.
4. Provision for the detection of unauthorised intruders and for appropriate action by the authorised guard force against such intruders.

II

Singapore, 15 December 1989

MFA 1028/89

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the Australian High Commission and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the latter's Note No. 440/89 dated 15 December 1989, including the Annex, which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

The Ministry has the honour to confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Singapore and that accordingly the High Commission's Note together with the Annex, and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall come into force on the date of this Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Australian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Australia High Commission
Singapore
