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**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
and
SAINT LUCIA**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement in connection with the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (“the Tlatelolco Treaty”). Vienna, 6 November 1995 and Castries, 24 April 1996

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**AGENCE INTERNATIONALE
DE L'ÉNERGIE ATOMIQUE
et
SAINTE-LUCIE**

Échange de lettres constituant un accord dans le cadre du Traité visant l'interdiction des armes nucléaires en Amérique latine et dans les Caraïbes (« Traité de Tlatelolco »). Vienne, 6 novembre 1995 et Castries, 24 avril 1996

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND SAINT LUCIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (“THE TLATELOLCO TREATY”)

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INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DE L'ÉNERGIE ATOMIQUE
МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЕ АГЕНТСТВО ПО АТОМНОЙ ЭНЕРГИИ
ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL DE ENERGÍA ATÓMICA

1995-11-06

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the decision of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 15 June 1995 which authorized the Secretariat of the IAEA to confirm, through an exchange of letters with the relevant States of the Latin American and Caribbean region that, inter alia, the comprehensive safeguards agreements which these States have concluded with the IAEA pursuant to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (“the NPT”)² satisfy the requirement of Contracting Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America³ and the Caribbean (“the Tlatelolco Treaty”) to conclude safeguards agreements with the IAEA.

Saint Lucia is a party to the Tlatelolco Treaty, article 13 of which provides, inter alia, that “each Contracting Party shall negotiate multilateral or bilateral agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency for the application of its safeguards to its nuclear activities...”. Saint Lucia is also party to the NPT and on 2 February 1990 concluded an agreement with the IAEA for the application of safeguards⁴ in connection with that Treaty (hereinafter called “the Safeguards Agreement”).

Against that background, I should like to propose the following:

1. Saint Lucia and the IAEA consider that the Safeguards Agreement satisfies the obligation of Saint Lucia under Article 13 of the Tlatelolco Treaty.
2. Saint Lucia and the IAEA agree that the safeguards set forth in the Safeguards Agreement shall also apply, as regards Saint Lucia, in connection with the Tlatelolco Treaty.
3. The provisions of the Safeguards Agreement shall apply as long as Saint Lucia is party to the NPT or the Tlatelolco Treaty or both.

¹ Came into force on 12 June 1996, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

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

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 634, p. 281.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1576, No. I-27530.

It is the Secretariat's understanding that the Government of Saint Lucia concurs with the statements in paragraphs 1 to 3 above. In that case, this letter and your affirmative reply shall, subject to approval by the Board of Governors of the IAEA, constitute an agreement between the Government of Saint Lucia and the IAEA, which shall enter into force on the date of approval of this exchange of letters by the Board of Governors of the IAEA.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

HANS BLIX
Director General

H. E. Dr Charles S. Flemming
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Mission of Saint Lucia
to the United Nations

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SAINT LUCIA

April 24, 1996

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 November 1995 which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of my Government that the terms of your letter of 6 November 1995 are acceptable and shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Saint Lucia and the IAEA which shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the Board of Governors of the IAEA.

Accept Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration



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Dr VAUGHAN LEWIS
Prime Minister and Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Saint Lucia

Director General
International Atomic Energy Agency
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