

Non-Aligned (NAM) Database

28 February 2005 Board of Governors Meeting

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	Other Topics
Programme and Budget: Medium Term Strategy	 (GOV/OR.1116 – Para 37)said that, in the working group on the MTS, the NAM had underscored its positions related to nuclear security, verification and assurances to the international community of the peaceful use of nuclear energy. (GOV/OR.1116 – Para 39) In conclusion, she took note of the MTS on the understanding that it was to be used by the Secretariat as a general framework for the formulation of programme and budget proposals and that any new major developments or changes affecting NAM Member States would be taken into account in its implementation.
	Peaceful Uses
Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy	 (GOV/OR.1116 – Para 38) It reaffirmed the inalienable right of developing countries to engage in research on and the production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination, and the need for a balance to be maintained between the Agency's promotional and verification activities. (GOV/OR.1121 – Para 26)said she was not yet in a position to offer detailed comments on the report of the independent expert group on multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle, contained in document INFCIRC/640. However, she reaffirmed NAM's position on the inalienable right of developing countries to engage in research on, produce and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination. NAM continued to note with concern the persisting undue restrictions on exports to developing countries of material, equipment and technology. (GOV/OR.1121 – Para 28) Each country's choices regarding the peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be respected without jeopardizing its policies, including fuel cycle policies, or international cooperation agreements and arrangements. (GOV/OR.1121 – Para 29) Developed countries had a particular responsibility to promote the legitimate development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in the developing countries by allowing them the fullest possible technology transfer with a view to achieving the greatest benefits and sustainable development. (GOV/OR.1120 – Para 114)said that NAM had taken note of the proposal to set up a special committee on safeguards and verification. However, owing to the late receipt of document GOV/2005/11, it felt that more work was required before the issues raised by the complex proposal could be considered by the Board. The NAM Chapter in Vienna was prepared to work with others to improve the efficiency of the Agency's work in all areas, in accordance with its Statute and

	bearing in mind the basic and inalienable right of all Member States to develop atomic energy for peaceful purposes.
Access to Technology and Technology Transfer	 (GOV/OR.1121 – Para 27) Proliferation concerns were best addressed through multilaterally negotiated, universal, comprehensive and non-discriminatory agreements. Non-proliferation control arrangements should be transparent and open to participation by all States, and should ensure that they did not impose restrictions on access to the material, equipment and technology required by developing countries for their continued development. In that connection, NAM strongly rejected any attempts by Member States to use the Agency's technical cooperation programme for political purposes in violation of the Statute. (GOV/OR.1121 – Para 29) Developed countries had a particular responsibility to promote the legitimate development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in the developing countries by allowing them the fullest possible technology transfer with a view to achieving the greatest benefits and sustainable development.
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	Safeguards
Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols Verification	 (GOV/OR.1119 – Para 66)said that NAM had noted the decisions of the Governments of Afghanistan, Senegal and Tunisia to conclude protocols additional to their NPT safeguards agreements and the decisions of the Governments of the Marshall Islands, Palau and Turkmenistan to conclude NPT safeguards agreements and protocols additional thereto. (GOV/OR.1120 – Para 114)said that NAM had taken note of the
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	Country Specific
Egypt	 (GOV/OR.1119 – Para 133)said that, in the view of the nature of the activities in question, the publication of information regarding them in open-source documents, the small amount of nuclear material involved and the fact that some of the activities had been carried out between 15 and 40 years previously, the issue under consideration was not one of proliferation concern. Moreover, in the Director General's report it was stated that the nuclear material and facilities seen by the Agency to date were consistent with the activities described by Egypt. (GOV/OR.1119 – Para 134) They expressed appreciation of the cooperation extended by Egypt and satisfaction that most corrective measures had already been completed or were in the process of being completed, and stated that prompt closure of the issue would be welcome.
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