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## PRESS STATEMENT

The 1993 Meeting of the "Nuclear Suppliers Group" (NSG) <sup>1)</sup> took place in Lucerne (Switzerland) from 30 March to 1 April 1993 under the chairmanship of Prof. Alec Baer, Switzerland. A fundamental objective of the Group is to ensure that cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy does not contribute directly or indirectly to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The Group reviewed current supplier arrangements and reaffirmed the importance of the NSG Guidelines on trade in nuclear-related goods and technology to the nuclear non-proliferation regime. The Group invited all nuclear supplier countries to adhere to the Guidelines.

Members endorsed a proposal for an amendment to the NSG Guidelines that requires IAEA safeguards on all current and future nuclear activities <sup>2)</sup> as a condition for any significant, new supply commitments to non-nuclear weapon states. The Group again called on nuclear supplier countries which have not yet adopted such a policy to do so as soon as possible, and will try to ensure that indirect supply through third countries does not undermine this policy.

The Members noted that the comprehensive arrangement to control the export of nuclear-related dual-use goods and technology adopted at last year's Warsaw meeting became effective on 1 January 1993. They pledged their full cooperation to ensure its successful implementation.

The Group adopted new procedural arrangements to formalize its membership and to improve the effectiveness of its operations.

The Group welcomed Argentina's presence as observer at the meeting. It recognized the important steps taken by Argentina in the field of non-proliferation, including its adherence to the Guidelines.

The Group renewed its special appeal to the new states which have emerged from the former Soviet Union, who have not yet done so, to accede to the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) as

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1) Members of the Group are:  
Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America. Argentina and the Commission of the European Communities attended as observers.

2) known as full-scope safeguards

non-nuclear weapon states, to adopt IAEA full-scope safeguards, and to implement effective nuclear export controls.

It also emphasized the importance of the NPT to the nuclear non-proliferation regime. In this regard it expressed great concern over the announcement by North Korea that it intends to withdraw from the NPT and urged that country to reconsider its position and to comply fully with its commitments under the Treaty.

As part of the continuing NSG activities, Members agreed on the need to hold further consultations on a range of issues, including conditions of supply and information exchange.

The next Plenary Meetings of the NSG will be held in Madrid in April 1994 and in Helsinki in 1995.