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MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION RECEIVED ON THE OCCASION OF
THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

The texts of messages of congratulation which had been received by 31 August 1987 by the Agency on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary are hereby communicated to Member States.

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico

"17 July 1987

"I have particular pleasure in sending you, on behalf of the people and Government of Mexico, warm congratulations on the thirtieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"As you well know, Mexico's foreign policy has traditionally been one of firm support for multilateralism as a suitable means of increasing co-operation and understanding between peoples and nations.

"For this reason, Mexico has given strong backing to the Agency's activities to promote international co-operation in the utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and the prevention of its use for military purposes.

"The Mexican Government notes the exemplary way in which the Agency has carried out inspections of nuclear facilities in countries which have concluded safeguards agreements. The Agency has also made undeniable progress in increasing the contribution of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy to the development of all countries.

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"Mexico believes that this work has led to important advances in the cause of peace and disarmament. The peaceful use of the atom in the fields of medicine, food, electricity and other industrial applications also offers an enormous potential for development which should be used to benefit all countries, particularly developing countries.

"The Mexican Government will continue to participate actively in the Agency's work and to take maximum advantage of the training opportunities offered to young Mexican technicians and scientists in this area."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes of the People's Republic of Bulgaria

"20 July 1987

"On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency I have the honour, on behalf of the Committee on the Use of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and on my own behalf, to congratulate most cordially you and, through you, the dedicated and highly professional staff of the Agency on this remarkable anniversary.

"The extremely valuable contribution of the IAEA to the development and application of peaceful nuclear technology, the unique role of the Agency as a main international centre of peaceful nuclear co-operation and the generous assistance provided by it are highly appreciated by the Bulgarian Government and the Bulgarian scientific and technical community.

"Once again I would like to thank you and, through you, the Agency as a whole for the excellent relations and co-operation established between the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the IAEA.

"On this occasion may I wish you, Sir, further success in your noble work for the benefit of humanity and wish you and your staff good health and personal happiness."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Chairman of the State Committee for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection of the German Democratic Republic

"20 July 1987

".... I should like to congratulate you and your staff most cordially on the thirtieth anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Emphasizing the impressive achievements of the Agency and the invaluable contribution it has made to peace and social development, I wish to express my appreciation of the excellent work that the IAEA has done throughout the 30 years of its existence. I am confident that the Agency will continue to play a prominent role in promoting peace and international co-operation."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada

"24 July 1987

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I have the honour and pleasure, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to extend congratulations to you and to the distinguished members of the Secretariat.

"Some thirty years ago, the world realized that nuclear technology, developed for destructive purposes at a time of conflict, could be used to improve the quality of life. Since its inception in 1957, the IAEA has been at the forefront of international efforts to promote nuclear co-operation. The Agency, through its safeguards function, has been instrumental in the establishment of today's international non-proliferation regime, providing the confidence required for nuclear commerce. That regime has evolved over the past thirty years in response to the challenges of changing technologies and ever more complex installations.

"The Agency's record in the field of technical co-operation speaks for itself. Over the thirty years of its existence, the Agency has provided an increasing number of countries, developed and developing, with the benefits of nuclear energy in such vital areas as pest and pollution control, food preservation, medical diagnosis, cancer treatment and innumerable industrial applications.

"Canada is deeply indebted to the Agency for its activities at the international level as well as for the support it has consistently provided to Canada's own nuclear programme and nuclear co-operation activities. We have been and will continue to be an active member and firm supporter of the Agency."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the President of the Canadian Nuclear Association

"27 July 1987

"May I, on behalf of our Association extend to you, the Board of Governors and the Secretariat, our warmest congratulations on the thirtieth anniversary of the Agency.

"From Canada's participation in the drafting of the IAEA's Statute to the recent OSART review of Pickering, the Agency has always occupied a special place among the members of our nuclear industry.

"We highly respect your accomplishments and honour your dedication to the many tasks you perform so ably."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the President of the National Atomic Energy Agency of Poland

"28 July 1987

"SINCE ITS INCEPTION 30 YEARS AGO THE AGENCY HAS DEVELOPED TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST EFFICIENTLY MANAGED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM, HELPING TO SOLVE ON THE WORLD SCALE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS RELATED TO HARNESSING THE ATOM IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PREVENTING ITS MISUSE AGAINST MANKIND.

"ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IAEA I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS IT HAS ON ITS ACCOUNT.

"I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ALSO VERY CORDIALLY ON YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THESE ACHIEVEMENTS, WHICH THE AGENCY OWES TO YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP SINCE THE TIME YOU WERE NOMINATED ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL SIX YEARS AGO. I ALSO PLACE INTO YOUR HANDS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE DEVOTED WORK OF THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE SECRETARIAT."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Director General of INTERATOMENERGO

"28 July 1987

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CORDIAL GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU PERSONALLY AND TO THE IAEA'S STAFF ON THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR FRUITFUL WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND. MY CONGRATULATIONS ARE SHARED BY THE EXECUTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION "INTERATOMENERGO", WHICH CO-ORDINATES INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC POWER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CMEA EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the President of the United States of America

"29 July 1987

"On behalf of the people of the United States, I would like to extend to you and your staff my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Over the past three decades, the IAEA has served as a model of effective international co-operation, fostering peace and prosperity worldwide. Through its safeguards activities, the Agency has been an invaluable part of efforts to prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons, and has worked with competence and success to promote the peaceful uses of the atom through its technical co-operation, nuclear safety and research activities. Its prompt response to the Chernobyl accident is particularly noteworthy. The IAEA has been and remains an organization of singular importance to the United States and one within the broader U.N. system which has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the purposes and principles for which it was established thirty years ago. We join you in commemorating the Agency's thirtieth anniversary, and in reaffirming continued strong support for the work of the IAEA in the years ahead."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Federal Minister for Research and Technology of the Federal Republic of Germany

"29 July 1987

"On behalf of the Federal Government, I should like to extend cordial congratulations on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"Your organization can look back on three decades of successful activity for the benefit of the entire community of nations. Supported by the consensus and active co-operation of its Member States, it has made a decisive contribution to advancing the peaceful use of nuclear energy and ensuring it by means of an exemplary system of international safeguards and to promoting a balance of interests between countries and regions at different stages of development. It is precisely in the most recent period, following the accident at Chernobyl, that impressive proof has been given of its important role.

"I am confident that the excellent and trusting collaboration between the Agency and the Federal Republic of Germany will grow even stronger in future, and I wish you and your staff much success in the years ahead.

"The Federal Government will continue to do everything possible in active support of the goals and activities of your organization."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the members of the Community of Minsk who attended a meeting dedicated to the thirtieth anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency

"29 July 1987

"We, members of the Community of Minsk, the capital of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, send you our greetings and best wishes for the continuing success of the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose thirtieth anniversary we are celebrating.

"During the last thirty years, great progress has been made by the Agency's Member States towards achievement of the aims set forth in the Agency's Statute. Throughout this period the Agency has played a key role in international co-operation for the peaceful use of atomic energy, and has helped prevent more countries from using this energy in nuclear weaponry, that most devastating means of mass destruction. With its constantly evolving outlook, the Agency has established itself as a universally recognized centre of international co-operation in the field of atomic science and technology, and has become a major scientific and political authority in this area.

"The successful preparation and holding of the special session of the Agency's General Conference proved once again that the international community has sufficiently reliable and effective means of co-ordinating action on the peaceful and safe use of nuclear energy.

"The thirty years of fruitful work of the Agency give good grounds to hope that the Agency will continue in the future to make its considerable contribution towards international co-operation in the peaceful use of atomic energy, the promotion of peace unthreatened by nuclear weapons, and the creation of trust and security in the world.

"The Byelorussian SSR will continue wherever possible to contribute to the achievement of the statutory aims of the Agency."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Chairman of the State Committee for the Supervision of Nuclear Power Safety of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

"30 July 1987

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. I WISH THE AGENCY NEW SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SAFETY UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF ALL PEOPLES."

Telegram addressed to the Director General by the Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See

"31 July 1987

"ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AS AN INDEPENDENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II SENDS YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES CORDIAL GREETINGS, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE OF HIS PRAYERS THAT THE AGENCY WILL EVER SERVE AS A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT OF PEACE DEDICATED TO ENSURING, IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND CO-OPERATION, THE HEALTH PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE WHOLE HUMAN FAMILY."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Soviet citizens who attended a meeting dedicated to the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the International Atomic Energy Agency

"11 August 1987

"We, Soviet citizens attending the meeting in Moscow dedicated to the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the International Atomic Energy Agency, send our greetings to you and your organization on this important occasion.

"Indisputably, the Agency is approaching its thirtieth anniversary with significant positive results to its credit. During the past 30 years it has become an outpost of progressive political, scientific and technological thought in modern society. The activities of the Agency demonstrate convincingly to all States the advantages of the peaceful development of science and technology over their non-peaceful utilization.

"The Agency is making a significant contribution to the strengthening of international security and to the creation of an atmosphere of trust and mutual understanding between States. At the present time, it is the only body exercising real control over a most important area of nuclear weapons limitation - non-proliferation. The ever-increasing significance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is due, in large part, to the active support of the Agency. The experience of the Agency in this area may be of use in tackling other problems of nuclear disarmament. In a non-nuclear, non-violent world it is the Agency's role to stand as a guarantor of the non-resurgence of nuclear weaponry, and to maintain a universal nuclear test ban.

"The Agency plays a major role in promoting co-operation between States in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and in ensuring the safe development of nuclear power throughout the world.

"The Soviet community is convinced that socio-economic progress in our modern world is possible only with a steady rise in energy generation capacity. The key to this lies in a sound and well-planned nuclear power development programme and in policies which enable all nations of the world to share in the achievements of modern science and to form their own energy base. We therefore call for a further enhancement of the Agency's creative activities, which, we feel, should be enlarged in scope. The forward-looking proposals of the Soviet Union on the creation of an international policy for the safe development of nuclear power also aim in this direction. We are glad that the programme put forward by the USSR has been favourably received by the international community, and that the Agency itself is contributing to its realization.

"The growing importance of the Agency's role in contemporary international relations is an indisputable and positive fact. We are convinced that this tendency will give the Agency fresh momentum, will enable it to make even more effective use of its authority and its capacity to bring about a radical improvement of conditions in the area of non-proliferation, and will thereby further strengthen international co-operation in the peaceful use of atomic energy."

Letter addressed to the Director General by the Chairman of the Chilean Atomic Energy Commission

"25 August 1987

"I have great pleasure in writing to you, Sir, to express, on behalf of the members of the Chilean Atomic Energy Commission, and particularly on my own behalf, our most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"Within this long period of fruitful activities by the Agency, I note in particular that, year after year, there has been a constant increase in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, with a view to fulfilling the Agency's priority objective of enhancing the prosperity of all countries.

"In the course of our daily duties we are clearly aware of the importance to us of the Agency's Technical Assistance and Co-operation activities, which over the years have become highly significant and have enabled developing countries in particular to undertake major projects in such fields, among many others, as health, agriculture and mining to the benefit of our peoples. All of this becomes even more noteworthy if we recall that the number of technical assistance projects has increased despite the constraints imposed by zero-growth. This has been possible thanks to the dedication of the Agency's Secretariat and to wise administration.

"We see as exemplary and worthy of admiration the rapid measures put into effect by the IAEA to reduce the tragic consequences of the accident at a nuclear power reactor which occurred a year ago, and also the initiative to draw up the International Conventions in a very short period of time.

"In conclusion, I reiterate my congratulations to you, Sir, on the occasion of such a great event for this world nuclear body, which thirty years ago took its first steps towards achieving its present status as one of the main pillars of the family of international organizations. I would like to take this significant opportunity to reiterate to you, Sir, on behalf of the members of the Chilean Atomic Energy Commission as well as on my own behalf, the expression of my very highest esteem, which I would request that you extend to the distinguished members of the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency."

