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## Communication dated 20 September 2013 received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the Agency concerning statements delivered at the 57th regular session of the General Conference

1. The Director General has received a communication dated 20 September 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the Agency concerning statements delivered at the IAEA 57<sup>th</sup> regular session of the General Conference.
2. As requested by the Permanent Mission, the communication is circulated herewith for information.





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AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Vienna, September 20, 2013

Excellency,

I am writing to You in regard to the statements delivered by the delegations of Azerbaijan and Turkey at the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in which concerns were raised regarding the safety of operation of the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant.

As You are aware the Armenian side have continuously stated that it is fully committed to its international obligations in the sphere of nuclear safety and security. In this context I would like to reiterate our appreciation of close and fruitful cooperation between the Government of Armenia and Your esteemed Organization in the field of peaceful use of nuclear energy. We attach particular importance to the comprehensive technical support of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Republic of Armenia in raising the level of safety of the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant. The reports of the IAEA assessment missions for reviewing the technical conditions of the Power Plant highlight that our country fully implements its international obligations and provides the highest level of openness and transparency with its international partners. Thus the allegations of Azerbaijan and Turkey are groundless.

I would like to stress, that the concerns of the Azerbaijani and Turkish sides have nothing to do with nuclear safety and security related issues, but are entirely of political nature. As You may know, both countries are pursuing policy of total isolation and coercion in regard to the Republic of Armenia. In particular, they are imposing land blockade upon our country and deny any form of regional cooperation with participation of Armenia.

The policy of isolation and coercion conducted against Armenia by our neighbours goes contrary to the basic principles and norms of the international law which clearly states the inadmissibility of political, economic and other form of coercion exercised against other states.

I should be grateful if You circulate the present letter to the member states of the International Atomic Energy Agency as a document of the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference.

Sincerely yours,

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to the International Atomic Energy Agency

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