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Letter dated 7 December 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your attention, the text of a letter dated 7 December 2001 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see annex).

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**



Annex

[Original: English]

Letter dated 7 December 2001 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Secretary-General

I would be grateful if you could arrange to transmit the enclosed letter and its attachment to the President of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed **ElBaradei**

Enclosure**Letter dated 7 December 2001 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, in which the Council noted with concern the close connection between international terrorism and illegal movement of nuclear materials and, in that regard, emphasized the need to enhance coordination of efforts at the national, subregional, regional and international levels in order to strengthen a global response to this serious challenge and threat to international security. The Council also called upon all States, inter alia, to find ways of intensifying and accelerating the exchange of operational information, especially regarding the threat posed by the possession of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist groups, and to become Parties as soon as possible to the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism.

In that context, I wish to inform you that the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in resolution GC(45)/RES/14 B of 21 September 2001, requested me to review thoroughly the activities and programmes of the Agency with a view to strengthening the Agency work relevant to preventing acts of terrorism involving nuclear material and other radioactive materials. In response to that request, I submitted a report on protection against nuclear terrorism to the IAEA Board of Governors, summarizing Agency work currently in progress in areas relevant to the prevention and mitigation of the consequences of terrorist acts and outlining proposals for enhanced and additional activities. Excerpts from that report are contained in the attachment to the present letter.

The Board acknowledged that all member States had an obligation to support the Agency's response to this global problem, and directed me to proceed urgently with approved activities, as and when resources become available. The Agency has already received some extrabudgetary contributions for that purpose, and hopes that the necessary additional pledges will be made in the near future. Those funds will be used, inter alia, for the immediate implementation of priority activities, including expert missions to assess States' physical security arrangements and recommend upgrades, and the provision of nuclear security-related training.

The Board of Governors also requested me to continue, in consultation with member States, the review of our proposed response to the threat of nuclear terrorism, and to submit the outcome for the Board's consideration at its March 2002 session.

I would appreciate your bringing the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed ElBaradei