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STATEMENT REGARDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND BULGARIA
FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY
SIGNED AT SOFIA JUNE 21, 1994

RELEASE IN FULL

Explanation of the Agreement

The Agreement provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation based on a strong mutual commitment to nuclear non-proliferation. The Agreement, with an initial term of 30 years, permits the transfer of technology, material, equipment (including reactors) and components for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It provides for U.S. consent rights to retransfers, enrichment and reprocessing as required by U.S. law. It does not permit transfers of any sensitive nuclear technology, restricted data, or sensitive nuclear facilities or major critical components thereof. In the event of the Agreement's termination, key conditions and controls continue to apply with respect to material and equipment subject to the Agreement.

Background Information on Negotiations

The Agreement, authorized by the President on September 2, 1993, was signed at Sofia on June 21, 1994. Pursuant to Sec. 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Agreement was submitted to the Congress for a review period of 90 days continuous session. (House Doc. 104-108, 104th Cong., 1st Sess. (1995).) No legislation disapproving the Agreement having been enacted, the Agreement was brought into force March 26, 1996.

Effect of the Agreement

The Agreement serves U.S. non-proliferation and other foreign policy interests.

Legal Authority

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (Sec. 123), as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 (Secs. 402, 404(a), 407).

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