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We note that the latest IAEA Safeguards Implementation Report states that, with the exception of the DPRK situation, "...the Secretariat found no indication of diversion of nuclear material placed under safeguards nor of misuse of facilities, equipment, or non-nuclear material placed under safeguards. On this basis, the Secretariat concluded that, in 2001, the nuclear material and other items placed under safeguards remained in peaceful nuclear activities or were otherwise adequately accounted for."

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