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Director General

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Dr. Dale E. Klein
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
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Dear Dr. Klein:

I was very pleased to receive a copy of the letter on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC's) perspective on security improvements made over the past five years in the United States. It was with a great deal of interest that I have read about the efforts that NRC has made to enhance the measures on nuclear security and to take a leadership role in enhancing nuclear security in other countries including Japan through the IAEA framework and/or in a bilateral relationship. I sincerely respect your persistent efforts towards such global issues.

In Japan, the Amendment Law for the Regulations on Nuclear Sources Material, Nuclear Fuel Material and Reactors was approved in the FY2005 Ordinary Session of the Diet and enforced last December. This Amendment concerned physical protection measures for nuclear security. In order to complete the activities related to drafting the legal amendment, it was so useful for the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) to exchange information and viewpoints on establishing an enhanced framework for nuclear security with the NRC and related organizations such as NNSA/ DOE. The amendment included the identification of Design Basis Threat (DBT), the implementation of physical protection inspection, and the introduction of nuclear information security with penalty clauses. On the basis of the amendment, NISA has been making efforts toward the enhancement of physical protection measures for nuclear security, including implementing inspections. In addition, a special police force and patrol boats of the Japan Coast Guard enforce 24-hour security precautions at nuclear facilities.

I am convinced that it will be useful to exchange information and viewpoints not only on nuclear safety but nuclear security and that it will be meaningful to collaborate closely with the NRC toward further security enhancement in the near future. I highly appreciate your continuous efforts in this matter and thank you for making such an excellent offer.

Sincerely yours,

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