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FOR ISN/NESS R. DELABARRE

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA PROVIDES THIRD-PARTY ASSURANCES FOR
HAFNIUM CONTROL ROD DRIVE TUBES

REF: STATE 13258

1. Reftel requested assurances from the Government of Argentina that an export of hafnium control rod drive tubes, destined for the Argentine nuclear utility Nucleoelectrica Argentina (NASA), would not be retransferred without the prior approval of the United States. Those assurances have just been received via GOA Diplomatic Note No. 158/08.

2. An informal translation of Note 158/08 follows:

Complimentary opening

...and has the honor to refer to information relative to the request for export of 98 (ninety-eight) hafnium tubes (reference NRC no. XCOM 1027) by the U.S. firm Veridium Inc. from El Cajon (California) for the company Nucleoelectrica Argentina S.A. to be used in the nuclear plants Atucha I and II.

Taking into account the materials in question, the destination and final use and the business operations developed at NASA and based on the ARN's (Argentine Nuclear Regulatory agency) 708/2008 opinion, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and worship confirms that the material in question will not be transferred to third countries without requesting previous consent of the Government of the United States.

Complimentary close.

3. The Embassy faxed a copy of the note to ISN/NESS R. DeLaBarre on 2/22/08.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GOA ASSURANCES FOR EXPORT TO ARGENTINA OF HAFNIUM CONTROL ROD DRIVE TUBES FOR ATUCHA I AND II NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

1. Embassy is requested to raise following nuclear export assurance request with GOA at earliest opportunity.

2. Description of the proposed export:

Veridium Inc. (formerly Carpenter Special Products Corporation) of El Cajon, California, has applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for amendment to its existing license (NRC no. XCOM1027) to increase the number of hafnium control rod drive tubes authorized for export to Argentina from 2 to 100. The tubes will be incorporated by Nucleoelectricia Argentina Sociedad Anonima (NASA), 2306 LIMA, into control rod drive assemblies for the Atucha I and II nuclear power plants.

3. In order to consider approval of this increased export, the following criteria must be met to satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Atomic Energy act, as amended:

(a) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards will be applied with respect to such components;

(b) No such components will be used for any nuclear explosive device or for research on or development of any nuclear explosive device; and

(c) No such components will be retransferred without the prior approval of the United States.

4. As a non-nuclear weapon state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), Argentina meets the first two criteria listed above. The third criterion regarding retransfer, however, is not covered by any existing international obligation and therefore the following written assurances are requested from the GOA to satisfy this criterion.

5. The Government of Argentina confirms that the 98 hafnium control rod drive tubes to be exported by Veridium Inc. to Nucleoelectricia Argentina Sociedad Anonima for incorporation into control rod drive assemblies for the Atucha I and II nuclear power plants will not be retransferred to the jurisdiction of any other nation or group of nations without

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the prior written consent of the United States.

6. Embassy report of the GOA response to this assurance request should be slugged to the Attention of ISN/NESS) R. DeLaBarre; email: delabarrerr@state.gov.
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