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Dear Chairman Klein,

I refer to your letter dated 3 August 2007 and the information meeting held in Washington with NRC Senior management and IAEA representatives on 7 August 2007. I highly appreciate your invitation for an International Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) to take place at the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in Washington, USA.

I understand that the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers as a first step to include the activities related to the NRC operating power reactor programme. The mission will also consider the results of the self-assessment and it will be preceded by a preparatory meeting in 2009 in accordance with the IRRS guidelines.

This mission will be an important opportunity of mutual learning process at a senior level among USNRC, Member States and the IAEA to share experiences and lessons learned regarding the regulatory technical and policy issues. This will also contribute to creating an attractive model for other countries already showing commitments to or interests in IRRS.

As you are aware many Member States have announced to expand their Nuclear power programmes and others have announced their intention to embark on new Nuclear Power development. In this respect it would be very important for the IRRS process to consider the regulatory aspect of the USNRC new reactor licensing programme as a part of the IRRS scope.

I have instructed my staff to proceed with all further technical and administrative aspects to ensure a successful mission. In this respect the IAEA contact point will be Mr. Gustavo Caruso, Head of the Regulatory Activities Section, Division of Nuclear Installation Safety, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the valuable support of the USNRC experts in past IRRS missions and I highly appreciate our continued close cooperation in the future.

The IRRS will be one of the agenda items in the Senior Regulators Meeting at the General Conference and I am looking forward to seeing you to further discuss your advice and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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