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NRC-CNSNS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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1. NRC IS AIR POUCHING TO EMBASSY TODAY THE FOLLOWING LETTER (RESPONSE TO REPAIR) FROM NRC CHAIRMAN JOHN F. AHEARNE TO RUBEN BELLO, CNSNS TECHNICAL SECRETARY:

2. "DEAR MR. BELLO: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE YOUR PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH, BY THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, A FORMAL AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND TO COOPERATE ON NUCLEAR, RADIOLOGICAL, AND PHYSICAL SECURITY MATTERS CONCERNING THE LAGUNA VERDE NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND SIMILAR PLANTS OF AMERICAN ORIGIN IN THE U.S. AND MEXICO. THE DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD, AS YOU SUGGEST, BE WORKED OUT EXPEDITIOUSLY BY OUR RESPECTIVE COORDINATORS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL TAKE FULL EFFECT AS SOON AS THE PROCEDURES ARE SIGNED BY THESE TWO COORDINATORS.

3. "FOR NRC'S PART, I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE DR. JOSEPH D. LAFLEUR, JR., DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OUR OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, TO OVERSEER WITH THE C.N.S.N.S. IN DEVELOPING

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THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS LETTER OF AGREEMENT. I BELIEVE WE AGREE THAT DAY-TO-DAY RELATIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN OUR TWO COMMISSIONS. NRC WILL, OF COURSE, ASSURE THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS KEPT APPROPRIATELY INFORMED, AS YOU WILL, I AM SURE, ADVISE THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. "THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS AND I HOPE TO MEET YOU DURING YOUR NEXT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IN THE MEANWHILE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NOMINATION OF THE C.N.S.N.S. CONTACT TO WORK WITH DR. LAFLEUR, AND TO OUR CONTINUING CLOSE COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AFFAIRS. SINCERELY,
JOHN F. AHEARNE, CHAIRMAN"

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE BELLO THAT THIS RESPONSE TO REPAIR IS EN ROUTE, AND THAT PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. 44

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