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**LETTER DATED 23 OCTOBER 2003 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON
DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING AN INFORMATION
NOTE ON THE SIGNATURE BY CUBA OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY
AGENCY AND OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO
THAT AGREEMENT IN VIENNA ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2003**

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith an information note on the signature by the Republic of Cuba of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on 18 September 2003 and the Additional Protocol thereto.

I would be grateful if you would take the necessary steps to ensure that the present information note is issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed to the delegations of all member States of the Conference and non-member States participating in its work.

(Signed): Jorge Iván Mora Godoy
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Annex

Cuba signs its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Additional Protocol thereto

On 18 September 2003, the Republic of Cuba signed the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This step was a demonstration of Cuba's commitment to expedite the fulfilment of all its obligations as a State party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco).

On the same date, Cuba signed the Additional Protocol to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, thereby reaffirming its intention to continue strengthening its cooperation with IAEA in the development of the peaceful use of nuclear energy with a view to promoting the socio-economic development of Cuba.

The two instruments were signed in Vienna by the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba, Mr. Wenceslao Carrera, and the Director-General of IAEA, Mr. Mohamed El Baradei.
