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ENVIRONMENTLetter dated 22 November 1989 from the President of the
General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I should like to refer to your letter dated 3 October 1989 (A/C.2/44/9) concerning the question of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency. You advised me in your letter that the Second Committee at its 2nd meeting, on 2 October 1989, had "decided to refer this matter to the General Assembly through the General Committee for appropriate decision concerning its allocation".

As you know, the above-mentioned matter is not listed as an item or sub-item of the agenda of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly. It has been considered, these past years, under a sub-item entitled "Environment", which has been traditionally allocated to the Second Committee.

In the light of this practice and the fact that, at the current regular session, sub-item 82 (f) on environment has been allocated to the Second Committee, I do not consider it necessary to refer the matter to the General Committee. Moreover, to my knowledge there has been no request at this session for a decision on the issue of accession by the United Nations to the International Atomic Energy Agency conventions.

You may wish to bring the above information to the attention of your Committee and to suggest that the Committee defer action on this issue pending a future request for its consideration.

(Signed) Joseph Nanven GARBA
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