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Euratom Safeguards Office  
The Director

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find herewith the final version of the Working paper describing the process and the outcome of the mission with trilateral participation established under Chapter IV of the Melk Protocol.

The paper has now been sent to Vice-President Mrs de Palacio with an invitation to address it to Commissioner Verheugen. I decided to finalise the work at the end of June, according to the provision found in the Melk Protocol.

Having circulated a previous final draft after the Brussels meeting, a delegation asked me to make a further attempt, at the very end of May, in order to try to reach full consensus. The experience showed that in agreeing I made a huge mistake. Instead of bridging the gap, the one month further delay was on purpose and led to a widening of the gap.

Therefore I have decided to terminate the exchange of notes between the parties on 29 June 2001 and to finalise the text under my own responsibility. This would not prevent any other party to associate itself with the text, even if reservations are made on the conclusions I have drawn on some of the issues remaining open.

For those issues, for which not even a procedural conclusion could be agreed, I have decided to use the conclusions drawn on the similar issue by the AQG / WPNS report adopted by COREPER, on 6 June. I did it because I never experienced, in international negotiations, a situation in which a party took a position in one forum and another one in another forum. Therefore I thought it legitimate to base my final draft, when needed, on such sound principle.

*Mr Krs*  
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Concerning the additional contributions received between the 30 May meeting and the 29 June, I have taken on board as much as I could, but without putting at risk the general balance of the paper. An additional document of 179 pages, received on 3 July looked like a final attempt to ensure the collapse of the Melk process. Fortunately, it arrived after my deadline. Therefore only a reference is made to it in a footnote on page 2 of the executive summary. I do not intend to circulate it to anybody, as I consider it as a paper issued under the sole responsibility of Austrian experts.

Finally, I draw your attention to the fact that I merged together the previous “executive summary” and “final statement” to avoid the numerous redundancies existing between these two papers.

Thanking you again for the efforts made and contributions provided during the “mission with trilateral participation” I had the honour to chair, I also wish you all the best for the future and very nice holidays to start with.

Regards,

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