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## Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will hold the Consultancy Meeting on the Development of the TECDOC on Current Knowledge and Path Forward for the Licensing of Accident Tolerant Fuel (ATF) (hereinafter referred to as "event") at its Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from 2 to 6 March 2020.

The purpose of the event is to agree on a path forward for the development of a new Technical Document (TECDOC), which will identify and collect the status of knowledge for the licensing of Accident Tolerant Fuels (ATF). The TECDOC will focus on the applicability to ATF of criteria developed for the licensing of UOX-Zircaloy fuels, possible needs to define new technology-related criteria, applicability of current national regulatory frameworks for ATF licensing and potential identified needs of development of new regulations. To achieve this goal, Member States' current knowledge will be collected, with inputs expected from regulators/technical support organizations, licensees and ATF fuel technology developers.

The event will be held in English.

I should be grateful if your Government would recommend experts to be designated by the Secretariat as participants in the event, ideally from the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Centre (NSC), and possibly also from industrial developers of Accident Tolerant Fuels. The experts should have specialized knowledge of, or experience in, Light Water Reactor nuclear fuel licensing, particularly on Accident Tolerant Fuels currently under development. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. The Scientific Secretary of the event, Mr Simone Massara of the Division of Nuclear Installation Safety (Email: <a href="mailto:S.Massara@iaea.org">S.Massara@iaea.org</a>) will liaise with the participants directly concerning further arrangements, including travel details, as appropriate, once we have received your Government's official response.

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of personal property. The IAEA also does not provide health insurance coverage for participants in IAEA events. Arrangements for private insurance coverage on an individual basis should therefore be made. The IAEA will, however, provide insurance coverage for accidents and illnesses that clearly result from any work performed for the IAEA.

I would appreciate receiving your Government's response not later than 7 February 2020.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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