SOME WESTERN MEDIA DO NOT THAT THE REACTOR CAN BE USED TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

CHINA WAS NOT A PARTY IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN 1953, SO THERE IS NO SUCH QUESTION AS SUBMITTING TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS OR SUPERVISION. HOWEVER, WE ASKED THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO PLEDGE THAT THE REACTOR BE USED ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT DID MAKE A CLEAR PROMISE TO THIS EFFECT.

SINCE CHINA JOINED THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN 1954, WE HAVE MADE ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SUPERVISION ONE OF THE PRECONDITIONS FOR OUR NUCLEAR EXPORT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE ALGERIAN SIDE WILL BRIEF IAEA ON THE NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND ALGERIA AND DISCUSS WITH IT THE ISSUE OF SUBMITTING THE REACTOR TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SUPERVISION.

CHINA'S NUCLEAR EXPORT IS STRICTLY GUIDED BY ITS POLICY OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. CHINA DOES NOT STAND FOR, OR ENCOURAGE, OR ITSELF ENGAGE IN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. NOR DOES IT HELP OTHER COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THERE ARE THREE PRINCIPLES GUIDING CHINA'S NUCLEAR EXPORT: NAMELY, GUARANTEE FOR PEACEFUL USE; SUBMISSION TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SUPERVISION AND NON-TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRY. END TEXT. NEWLIN

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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT CONTACTS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE IAEA AND CHINA AND THE IAEA AND ALGERIA. CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE PROVIDED SECRETARIAT WITH REMARKS OF THE SPOKESMAN OF CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON NUCLEAR REACTOR IN ALGERIA OF APRIL 30, 1991. TEXT IS SET FORTH IN PARA 5 BELOW.

4. MISSION WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ON ANY FURTHER CONTACTS AGENCY HAS WITH ALGERIA AND CHINA CONCERNING THIS ISSUE.

5. BEGIN TEXT:

REMARKS BY SPOKESMAN OF CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE NUCLEAR REACTOR IN ALGERIA 30 APRIL 1991.

THE COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND ALGERIA IN NUCLEAR FIELD IS ENTIRELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IN FEBRUARY, 1983, CHINA AND ALGERIA SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION, IN WHICH CHINA AGREED TO PROVIDE ALGERIA WITH A HEAVY WATER REACTOR FOR RESEARCH. THE POWER OF THE REACTOR IS VERY SMALL, WITH A DESIGNED POWER OF 10 MEGAWATT AND THE MAXIMUM THERMAL POWER OF 15 MEGAWATT. IT WILL BE TOTALLY GROUNDLESS TO ALLEGED AS