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The Heads of State and Government of the Group of Eight (G8) adopted at Evian, as part of the fight against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, a statement on securing radioactive sources, to which the G8 Action Plan is annexed.

The implementation of the G8 Action Plan, which is aimed at preventing acts of radiological terrorism through the malevolent use of radioactive sources, requires close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has a vital role to play in combating radiological terrorism.

On behalf of the French G8 Presidency, I have the honour to transmit to you the Statement and the Action Plan on securing radioactive sources, which are annexed herewith. I should be grateful if you would have them distributed as documents (see annex) of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

These documents are also the subject of a separate communication to IAEA in Vienna.

(Signed) Jean-Marc de La Sablière