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**LETTER DATED 1 JUNE 2004 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CUBA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A PRESS RELEASE ON
THE RATIFICATION BY CUBA ON 27 MAY 2004 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY
AGENCY AND OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THAT AGREEMENT**

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Cuba announcing the ratification by the Republic of Cuba, within the framework of the undertakings given on acceding to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and of the Additional Protocol thereto.

I would be grateful if you would take the necessary steps to ensure that the present statement is issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed to the delegations of all member States of the Conference and non-member States participating in its work.

(Signed): Jorge Iván Mora Godoy
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Press release

On 27 May 2004 the Republic of Cuba ratified the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

With the ratification of this Agreement, which was signed on 18 September 2003, Cuba has once more demonstrated its determination to fulfil all its obligations as a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco).

On the same date, 27 May 2004, Cuba ratified the Additional Protocol to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, thereby providing a clear demonstration of its firm commitment to multilateralism and its political will to help achieve general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under strict international control.

Cuba hereby reaffirms its unwavering commitment to nuclear disarmament and its determination to continue to do all in its power to achieve the total eradication of nuclear weapons from the face of the earth.

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