STATEMENT OF INTENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CHINA ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND COUNTER- TERRORISM

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the China Atomic Energy Authority of the People's Republic of China (CAEA)

Recognizing the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and the Agreement between DOE and State Development Planning Commission (now the National Development and Reform Commission) on Cooperation Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technologies were signed on July 23, 1985 and June 29, 1998 respectively;

Recognizing the commitment of both of our governments to promote strengthened cooperation and partnership between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China in preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism;

Recalling the Leaders' Declaration following the 2003 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, which called on participating governments to eliminate the severe and growing danger posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means for delivery by strengthening international non-proliferation regimes, adopting and enforcing effective export controls, and taking other legitimate and appropriate measures against proliferation;

Recognizing the steps taken by the People's Republic of China to strengthen its national system of non-proliferation export controls, as outlined in the "white paper" released by the State Council on December 3, 2003, as well as the ongoing cooperation between DOE and CAEA to support international safeguards and nuclear security programs of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

Noting the accomplishments of Note Exchange on Government Assurance of Nuclear Technology Transfer between two countries on September 15, 2003 and the Statement of Intent on the Implementation of Government Assurance of Nuclear Technology Transfer between DOE and CAEA, signed on September 16, 2003;

Being convinced of the continuing international requirement to improve security over nuclear and radioactive materials and nuclear facilities and to prevent trafficking in such materials and related dual-use items; State their intent, consistent with their respective national laws and regulations, to pursue cooperation with each other and collaborative efforts with the IAEA in the following areas:

1) Peaceful use of energy:

- Nuclear reactors technology and nuclear application technologies: including cooperation on reactor design and safety of nuclear power plants, nuclear fuel and materials;
- Nuclear emergency management and safety: development of cooperative exchanges and programs on national emergency policies, plans and procedures regarding radiological emergencies and related nuclear accidents.

2) Non-Proliferation:

- Export control: development of cooperative exchanges and programs on the licensing of nuclear materials, equipment, technology and related dual-use items, and identifying nuclear and nuclear-related dual-use exports;
- International nuclear safeguards and physical protection: collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency to improve international safeguards and security of nuclear material, to include regional training anticipated to be conducted in May 2004 in Beijing, as well as consultations, information exchanges and training to improve physical protection practices and strengthen international safeguards; and
- Radioactive Source Security: development of cooperative exchanges on ways to seek to reduce security risks posed by radioactive sources and materials.

Signed at BEUWhis Whis day of January, 2004, in duplicate, in the English and Chinese languages.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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