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TALKING POINTSAlgerian Nuclear Reactor

- o We welcomed your April 30 public statement, as well as China's earlier private statements to us, that China's nuclear cooperation with Algeria is strictly limited to peaceful uses.
- o We also welcomed your restatement of the three principles that guide China's nuclear export policy, namely a guarantee of peaceful use, submission to IAEA safeguards, and non-retransfer to a third country.
- o We were encouraged by your statement that China had asked the Algerian Government to pledge that the reactor being supplied to it would be used only for peaceful purposes, and that the Algerian Government had made a clear promise to that effect.
- o As you know, we believe that application of IAEA safeguards is an indispensable element in verifying that material in a nuclear facility is not diverted to proscribed non-peaceful purposes.
- o In this connection, Algeria's statement confirming that it plans to subject the Chinese-supplied reactor to international safeguards is an important development.
- o We are pleased that Algeria has begun consultations with the IAEA to subject the reactor to safeguards. We have urged Algeria to move promptly in this regard. We hope China will encourage Algeria to complete its negotiation with the IAEA as soon as possible, and especially before any fuel is shipped to Algeria.
- o As we have stated to you previously, we would be seriously concerned if, in addition to the reactor, Algeria were to import, or develop indigenously, an enrichment or reprocessing capability, even under safeguards. We would welcome your confirmation that the Chinese Government shares this view.

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