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**CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF
NUCLEAR MATERIAL**

Vienna, 4 to 8 July 2005

Proposal submitted by the People's Republic of China regarding Article 2.4

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and has the honour to refer to the Secretariat's Note Verbale of 25 January 2005 circulating a Note Verbale dated 7 January 2005 from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China containing the latter's proposal on the amendments to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM). In particular, the Government of the People's Republic of China proposed a new paragraph 2.4(c) which reads as follows, "Nothing in this convention shall be construed as a lawful authorization to use or threaten to use force against nuclear material or nuclear facilities used for peaceful purposes".

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China kindly requests the Secretariat to issue the afore-mentioned proposal as an official document of the Diplomatic Conference for Considering and Adopting Proposed Amendments to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material with due regard to the item of Introduction of the Proposed Amendments of its Provisional Agenda.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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