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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT), the depositary of which is the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN). UNODC is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote adherence to, and implementation of, the 19 international legal instruments against terrorism, including ICSANT. I note with appreciation that Austria became party to ICSANT on 7 July 2007.

The 2017 event on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICSANT's entry into force highlighted the need to continue strengthening legal frameworks that underpin a nation's nuclear security regime, and the key importance of the Convention. The summary of the event, co-chaired by Canada and UNODC, is available in International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) document [INFCIRC/924](#).

UNODC is currently promoting the universalization and effective implementation of ICSANT thanks to funding from the European Union and Canada. As part of its extensive work, UNODC is developing a website on ICSANT which will be available in all UN languages and host relevant resources, including national legislation giving effect to the criminalization requirements of Article 2 of ICSANT. As stated in INFCIRC/924, "*States should ensure that criminalization penalties for acts involving the willful, unauthorized acquisition, possession, use, transfer or transport of radioactive materials are appropriately encoded into national law and should create opportunities to exchange information with partner countries on the subject specifically. [...] While there is no single correct way to implement the conventions on a national level, models provided by other countries [...] can provide guidance on national implementation*".

We invite Austria, as a Party to ICSANT, to support UNODC's effort by submitting information on its applicable implementing legislation to be featured on the website. We would appreciate it if relevant legislation (in English, if available, or else in the original language) was sent to [unodc-icsant@un.org](mailto:unodc-icsant@un.org) by 30 November 2020.

Inquiries on technical and legislative assistance offered by UNODC on ICSANT's implementation should be sent to the afore-mentioned e-mail address.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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