

March 22, 2006

Mr. Vilmos Zsombori, President
National Commission for
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Dear Mr. Zsombori:

I was pleased to receive the kind invitation to visit Romania from your staff during the recent Regulatory Information Conference here in Washington. Your organization's action to strengthen Romania's nuclear program and enhance its coordination with the international community is commendable, and it would be an honor for me to observe CNCAN's activities first-hand. Although I will not be able to visit Romania in the near term, I will certainly take future travel to Romania under consideration as my schedule allows.

In the meantime, we have many opportunities to strengthen cooperation between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and CNCAN under our current arrangement – the possibility of implementing research agreements or staff-level bilateral discussions may be of special interest. In addition, the NRC's Foreign Assignee Program could enable a member of your staff to come to the NRC and gain valuable knowledge in a specialized field of his or her choice by working alongside NRC staff. The NRC's Office of International Programs can assist your staff in pursuing these possibilities.

I wish your program continued success.

Sincerely,

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Nils J. Diaz