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Honorable Dr. Dale E. Klein  
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Dear Dr. D.E. Klein,

I am glad to learn from your government that you became formally Chairman of the USA's Nuclear Regulatory Commission. First of all, let me express to you my congratulations and to wish you to have a very successful mandate.

The Spanish Nuclear and Radiation Safety Commission (Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear, CSN) has a very long tradition of good relationship with the NRC. We have been working together in the regulation of the Nuclear Power plants since the very beginning of the Spanish nuclear Power programme with the construction and commissioning of the first Spanish PWR with USA technology (Central Nuclear de Jose Maria Cabrera) until now. The NRC programmes, activities and regulations are one of the most important international references for my institution. A good example is the successful implementation in Spain by CSN of the NRC's Risk informed system.

It will be a pleasure to meet you in Avignon next September, and I hope to have the opportunity to explore with you new possibilities of collaboration between NRC and CSN

Sincerely yours,

*M. T. Estevan*

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