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### Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office

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Dear Dr Howsley

I am writing in support of the establishment of the World Institute of Nuclear Security (WINS), and in particular to express my appreciation of your efforts in this regard.

In recent years governments and industry have come to a heightened awareness that effective security for nuclear materials and facilities is essential to public safety and confidence in nuclear activities. While the International Atomic Energy Agency has a well-established program for nuclear security, this operates primarily at the government level. WINS, through promoting best practices and facilitating cooperation amongst nuclear operators and professionals, will be addressing a very real need. Experience in the nuclear safety area has demonstrated how much can be achieved through mechanisms such as peer review and information sharing. The activities of WINS will be an important complement to the nuclear security work of the IAEA and government agencies.

I wish you every success as you launch this important endeavour.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Carlson'.

John Carlson  
Director General