The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Department for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to refer to note No. DDA/5-2004/NLDU, relating to resolution 58/42, entitled “National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology”.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission hereby transmits the opinions of the Government of El Salvador:

“The army maintains its military capacity in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic, and lacks any system of dual-use technology, material and equipment which might be applied in programmes on nuclear, chemical or biological weapon, ballistic missiles or other programmes.”

The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Department for Disarmament Affairs the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 27 April 2004