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LONDON, Mar 18, 2002 (Xinhua via COMTEX) -- Britain announced Monday it will contribute 250,000 pounds (355,000 U.S. dollars) to back international efforts to combat nuclear terrorism.

It said this fund will go to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in supporting activities aimed at combating nuclear terrorism following the terrorist attacks of September 11.

The IAEA has reviewed its activities and has strengthened its work to assist member states to protect against acts of terrorism involving nuclear and other radioactive materials.

British Department of Trade and Industry Minister Nigel Griffiths said that "the terrible acts committed on September 11 have made the world reassess the threat of terrorism."

"The IAEA is uniquely placed to provide valuable assistance to all member states to deal with this threat," he added.

The money will be used on a number of activities including nuclear security-related training, funding International Physical Protection Advisory Service missions and preparing guidance and materials aimed at helping member states improve their legal and regulatory structures.

Griffiths said he hopes that British pledge will encourage other countries to come forward with funding to support the IAEA's work in this area.

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