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In mid-1993, Mr. Hooper became manager of Programme 93+2, the Agency's development programme for strengthened, more efficient safeguards. That programme resulted in a radical modification of the approach to safeguards taken starting in 1971 with the adoption of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Changes during his tenure included the promulgation of the Additional Protocol to the Safeguards Agreements. The Additional Protocol greatly expanded the legal basis for the Agency's implementation of safeguards. Mr. Hooper was the architect of this programme and represented the work in a wide variety of official and professional fora. He became Director of the IAEA's Safeguards Concepts and Planning Division in 1994.

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