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SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

Resolution adopted during the 312th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988

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The General Conference,

(a) Recalling the recommendation of the Board of Governors to suspend South Africa from the exercise of the privileges and rights of membership as contained in its report GC(XXXI)/807 pursuant to the General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/468,

(b) Having considered the annual report of the Agency for 1987 contained in document GC(XXXII)/835, the report by the Director General contained in document GC(XXXII)/844 and the report of the Board of Governors on South Africa's nuclear capabilities contained in document GC(XXXI)/807,

(c) Stressing that, despite the requests of the General Conference and the international community, South Africa has persistently violated international law as well as the purposes and principles of the United Nations, upon which the IAEA's activities are based in accordance with Articles III.B.1. and IV.B of the Statute, and

(d) Stressing that the acquisition of nuclear weapons capability by the racist régime of South Africa constitutes a very grave danger to international peace and security and in particular jeopardizes the security of African States and increases the danger of the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

1. Vehemently condemns South Africa for its persistent refusal to comply with successive resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the General Conference of the IAEA, as well as its refusal to adhere to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and the Statute of the IAEA;

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2. Resolves to consider and take a decision on the recommendation of the Board of Governors contained in its report GC(XXXI)/807 to suspend South Africa from the exercise of the privileges and rights of membership in accordance with Article XIX.B of the Statute at the thirty-third regular session of the General Conference;
3. Requests the Director General to continue to take all possible measures to ensure the full implementation of resolution GC(XXX)/RES/468 and report to the thirty-third regular session of the General Conference in this regard;
4. Requests the Director General to bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary General of the United Nations; and
5. Decides to include in the agenda of the thirty-third regular session of the General Conference an item entitled "South Africa's nuclear capabilities".