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## SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

### Note by the Director General

1. Document GC(XXXI)/807 contains:
  - (a) the text of a resolution adopted by the Board of Governors on 12 June 1987 (Attachment 1);
  - (b) a Note by the Director General on South Africa's nuclear capabilities submitted to the Board of Governors for its meetings in June 1987 (Attachment 2); and
  - (c) the summary records of the Board's discussions on this subject in February and June 1987 (Attachment 3).
2. This Note provides information on events which have occurred since the June 1987 meetings of the Board of Governors, as follows:
  - (a) On 16 July 1987, Mr. D. Steyn, South African Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology, visited the Director General. Their discussions covered the general position of South Africa in the Agency; the negotiation of a safeguards agreement and technical arrangements for applying safeguards to South Africa's semi-commercial enrichment plant; the possibility and implications of South Africa's becoming a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; and South Africa's adherence to the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency;

- (b) On 10 August 1987, South Africa signed and deposited instruments of ratification of the two aforementioned nuclear safety conventions. Member States have been informed of this in the normal way by means of a Note dated 1 September 1987 and addressed to all States;
  
- (c) On 1 September 1987, the facility attachment for the hot cell laboratory at Valindaba (referred to in para. 10 of the Director General's report in Attachment 2 to GC(XXXI)/807) entered into force. The effect of this is to bring this facility under safeguards whenever it contains safeguarded nuclear material from the Safari Research Reactor and the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station. It has been agreed that, although this facility is a research and development facility, it will be considered, for safeguards purposes, as a principal nuclear facility.