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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ENTITLED  
"ISRAELI NUCLEAR THREAT"  
IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE  
THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic

On 19 May 1986, the Syrian Arab Republic submitted to the Director General an explanatory memorandum relating to a request which it had made for the inscription of an item entitled "Israeli nuclear threat" on the agenda for the thirtieth regular session of the General Conference. The memorandum was supported by a number of Israeli and other documents on Israel's nuclear capabilities and its aggressive and expansionist practices in the Middle East.

On 3 October 1986, the subject-matter of the item was debated in the General Conference, but the debate was suspended in accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference because no decision could be reached.

On 5 October 1986, two days after the discussion of Israel's nuclear capabilities in the General Conference, the British newspaper "The Sunday Times" revealed, in its issue No. 8461, very exciting and surprising information given by Mr. Mordechai Vanunu, a nuclear technician in Machom 2 at Israel's Dimona nuclear research establishment. This information strongly proves Israel's unexpected

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nuclear capabilities as confirmed by two nuclear physicists, namely Dr. Frank Barnaby and Dr. Theodore Taylor, in addition to other nuclear scientists who stated that the details given by Vanunu were scientifically accurate and complied entirely with an Israeli capacity to produce ten nuclear weapons a year.

The consulted nuclear scientists were convinced by Vanunu's evidence and they estimated that at least 100-200 nuclear weapons of varying destructive power have been assembled, some of them of the fusion type.

In the light of this latest information and in the hope that the General Conference will give this item special attention, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic wishes that the said item be re-inscribed on the agenda for the thirty-first regular session of the General Conference.