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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

DECLARATION BY THE AFRICAN GROUP

The attached declaration, addressed to the President of the General Conference, is being circulated in response to a request made by the Ambassador of Algeria as Chairman of the African Group, in connection with the examination of delegates' credentials at the Conference's thirty-sixth regular session.

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**Declaration of the African Group
concerning its reservations to the credentials of the
South African Delegation to the 36th Session of the IAEA General Conference**

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of the African Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) notes with satisfaction the positive developments which led to the accession of South Africa to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the conclusions and entry into force of the safeguards agreement with the Agency and the presentation by the Director General of the Agency of a report on the verification of the inventory of South Africa's nuclear installations and materials. This is a significant step towards the denuclearization of Africa. Furthermore this process will be strengthened by the confirmation of the exclusively peaceful nature of the entire nuclear activities in South Africa, as requested in resolution 46/34B of 6 December 1991 of the United Nations General Assembly.

Conscious of the current political evolution in South Africa, the Group of African States regrets that the decisive action required for the establishment of a non-racial democratic South Africa remains to be taken.

Accordingly, the present South African Government does not represent the majority of the South African People. Consequently, its representation to the 36th Session of the General Conference is not in full accord with the principles and objectives set out in the Charter of the United Nations, which constitute the basis of the activities of the Agency, in conformity with paragraph B.1 of Article 3 and paragraph B of Article 4 of its Statute.

The African Group would, therefore, wish to place on record the reservations of its Member States to the credentials of the South African delegation to the present session of the General Conference of the Agency, hoping that in the near future it will witness among its Members the presence of a non-racial and democratic South Africa.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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