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**INFORMATION CIRCULAR****LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPOSITARY POWERS FOR THE  
TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

The following letter was addressed to the Director General by representatives of the Depositary Powers for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on 13 August 1988

Dear Dr. Blix,

We are taking this opportunity to advise you of certain developments of interest to the International Atomic Energy Agency and its Member States.

On 12 August, at the request of South Africa, representatives of our three Governments, which are designated the Depositary Powers for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), met jointly with representatives of the Republic of South Africa to discuss issues arising from that government's consideration of acceding to the Treaty.

United Kingdom, Soviet Union and United States representatives recalled the unanimous appeal by participants in the 1985 NPT Review Conference to all States which have not yet done so to adhere to the Treaty at the earliest possible date and urged South African accession to the NPT.

During these talks, a wide range of issues were discussed, including the obligations arising from various provisions of the NPT. The South African delegation has stated that it will report back to the Government and consideration will be given, as soon as possible, to the full implications of the accession to the NPT.

The depositaries stated that they would be available to respond to any further questions by South Africa.

We shall advise you of any relevant future developments regarding this matter. We would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated to all Member States for their information.

Yours etc.

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