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Summary:

Draft copy of the letter of credentials that Mr. Nzo, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will provide for the South African delegation to represent the Republic of South Africa at the Second Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in Vienna in May, 1997. The delegation is to be led by Mr. Jacob Selebi.

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COMMISSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR
TEST BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION IN VIENNA,
12 - 16 MAY 1997

DOCUMENTATION

A. Draft copy of credentials for CTBTO PrepCom.

1. ISSUE

1.1 The South African delegation, led by Ambassador J S Selebi will attend the Second Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna from 12 - 16 May 1997.

1.2 Ambassador Selebi is currently chairing the Preparatory Commission of the CTBTO. His term as Chairman will end on 20 May 1997, four days after the conclusion of the Second PrepCom in Vienna.

1.3 A new set of credentials will be necessary as the delegation has changed from that of the previous PrepCom. This set of credentials will serve for the Second PrepCom and subsequent PrepComs. Furthermore, with the establishment of the Provisional Technical Secretariat in Vienna, the seat of the Organisation, it will be necessary to indicate that Ambassador Mxakato-Diseko will be the the Permanent Representative to the CTBTO.

2. ACTION REQUESTED

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Minister sign the credentials as printed out on the appropriate letterhead by Ministry staff. (The Ministry should contact Mr A Miyeni, Route MA804, Extention 1556 if an electronic copy is required).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 South Africa was amongst the first countries to sign the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on the 24 September 1996 in New York, after protracted negotiations within the Conference on Disarmament (CD).
- 3.2 The South African delegation to the Second Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization will include an official from the Council for Geoscience and officials from our Mission in Vienna.
- 3.3 Rule 3 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Preparatory Commission require the submission of formal Credentials by either " (a) the Head of state or Government; or (b) the Minister for Foreign Affairs; or (c) other authority responsible for foreign affairs."

C R E D E N T I A L S

WHEREAS the Second Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization is to be held in Vienna from 12 to 16 May 1997 and

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of South Africa deems it desirable to be represented at the aforementioned Preparatory Commission; and

WHEREAS it is expedient that fit and proper persons be accredited to represent and to vote on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa at the Preparatory Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I ALFRED BAPHETHUXOLO NZO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa do hereby certify and declare that the Government of the Republic of South Africa do by these presents authorise and appoint the following persons to represent the Government of the Republic of South Africa at the aforementioned Preparatory Commission:

JACOB S. SELEBI

Head of the delegation

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South
Africa to the United Nations Organizations,
Geneva

NOTIPHRO J. MIAKATO - DISEKO

Head of the Delegation

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South
Africa to the International Atomic Energy Agency
and to the Preparatory Commission of the
Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organisation,
Vienna

PETER GOESEN

Alternate

Minister (Disarmament) and Alternate Permanent
Representative of South Africa to the Conference on
Disarmament,
Geneva

JOHN DAVIES

Adviser

Counsellor (Multilateral) and Alternate Resident
Representative of South Africa to the International
Atomic Energy Agency

Vienna

THOMAS MARKRAM

Adviser

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Department of Foreign Affairs,

Pretoria

DR ROBERT KLEYWEGT

Adviser

Director, Council for Geoscience

Pretoria

THOMAS CRONJE

Adviser

Third Secretary

Permanent Mission of South Africa to the
International Atomic Energy Agency

Vienna

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I ALFRED BAPHETHUNOLO NDO, Minister of
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, have
signed these presents at
on this the day of
in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-.....