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Summary:

Indicates that the United States would be receptive to a formal South African bid for admission into the Missile Technology Control Regime.

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Although Foreign Affairs has not been requested to report on the Bilateral Agreement, cognisance should be taken that the Agreement was signed by the US and South Africa on 3 October 1994 with the support of the departments of Trade and Industry and Defence, Armscor, Denel, etc. In terms of the Agreement, South Africa has undertaken to destroy its Category 1 programme according to specified steps. Upon the completion of these steps, the United States declared its willingness to actively support South Africa's membership to the MTCR.

It should also be noted that the agreement shall terminate upon the date South Africa is accepted as a member of the MTCR.

South Africa submitted its application for membership of the Regime on 9 November 1994 on invitation of the current MTCR chairman, Mr Gunnar Lund from Sweden.

The last MTCR Plenary mandated Mr Lund to convey the following four points to the South African Government:

- All the Partners expressed confidence and noted with great satisfaction the steps taken by South Africa in non-proliferation since the Interlaken plenary session;
- the Partners agreed in principle to South African membership (consensus on this);
- Mr Lund mandated to convey encouragement by the Regime Partners to South Africa to submit a formal application; and
- Partners welcomed the important steps taken by South Africa in the field of non-proliferation, and agreed in principle to early South African membership.

Mr Lund informed the South African Embassy in Stockholm that an early application by South Africa should permit an intercessional decision. He further indicated his expectation that South Africa could be admitted "early in the period rather than late". MTCR Members would, of course, study our legislation and control measures carefully.

The next Plenary meeting of the Regime will be convened in Bonn, Germany on October 9 - 12, 1995.