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**Resolution of the International Atomic Energy  
Agency General Conference on South Africa's  
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**Summary:**

Alarmed that South Africa may be capable of developing nuclear weapons, the IAEA calls upon South Africa to submit its nuclear facilities to agency safeguards, and calls upon all IAEA member states to halt nuclear cooperation with South Africa.

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## SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

The General Conference,

- (a) Having considered the annual report of the Agency for 1984 (GC(XXIX)/748), particularly paragraphs 43 and 44, and the Report of the Board of Governors and the Director General on South Africa's nuclear capabilities (GC(XXIX)/758),
- (b) Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 39/61A/B on implementation of the declaration on the denuclearization of Africa and the nuclear capability of South Africa, General Assembly resolution 39/72A on the apartheid policies of the Government of South Africa and resolution 39/50A on the situation in Namibia resulting from the illegal occupation of the territory by South Africa,
- (c) Recalling resolution 39/72C of the United Nations General Assembly on relations between Israel and South Africa, particularly in the nuclear field,
- (d) Recalling resolution 38/39G of the United Nations General Assembly on military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa,
- (e) Also recalling Security Council resolution 418 (1977) on arms embargo against South Africa and resolution 569 (1985) on the adoption of measures against the racist régime of South Africa,
- (f) Alarmed that South Africa's unsafeguarded nuclear facilities enable it to develop and acquire the capability of producing fissionable material for nuclear weapons,
- (g) Stressing that the acquisition by the racist régime of South Africa of nuclear armament capacity endangers the security of the African States and increases the risk of nuclear weapons proliferation,
- (h) Bearing in mind South Africa's acquisition of nuclear capabilities partly through the illegal acquisition of Namibian uranium, and
- (i) Noting with grave concern the negative reaction of South Africa towards the implementation of General Conference resolution GC(XXVIII)/RES/423,

1. Takes note of United Nations General Assembly resolutions 39/61A and B and 39/72A, 39/72C and 39/50A and General Conference document GC(XXIX)/758;
2. Demands once again that South Africa submit immediately all its nuclear installations and facilities to Agency safeguards and requests the Director General to continue taking the necessary measures in that connection;
3. Calls upon all Member States which have not yet done so to halt all nuclear co-operation with the racist régime of South Africa and, in particular, to end any transfer of fissionable materials and technology and to stop all purchases of uranium from South Africa;

4. Requests Member States to take all necessary measures to prevent any nuclear collaboration of all corporations and enterprises within and under their jurisdiction with South Africa;
5. Notes from the report by the Director General in document GC(XXIX)/758 that the Agency has no nuclear research contracts with South Africa, calls upon Member States to terminate forthwith all nuclear research contracts with South Africa, and calls upon the Agency and Member States to refrain from participating in any seminars or technical and scientific meetings in South Africa;
6. Demands that South Africa stop immediately all illegal mining, utilization, exploitation and sale of Namibian uranium;
7. Calls upon the Member States, particularly those whose corporations are involved in the mining and processing of Namibian uranium, to take all appropriate measures in compliance with United Nations resolutions and decisions and Decree No. 1 for the protection of the natural resources of Namibia, including the practice of requiring negative certificates of origin, to prohibit state-owned and other corporations, together with their subsidiaries, from dealing in Namibian uranium and from engaging in any uranium-prospecting activities in Namibia;
8. Calls once again upon all Member States which have not yet done so to stop all purchases of Namibian uranium;
9. Requests the International Atomic Energy Agency to exclude South African participation from all expert meetings, panels, conferences, seminars, etc. where such participation could assist South Africa to persist with its exploitation of Namibian uranium;
10. Requests the International Atomic Energy Agency to stop publishing the entry provided for Namibia by South Africa in the Red Book on Uranium Resources, Production and Demand and also to ensure that no reports or information relating to Namibian uranium extraction, production and exports are published without the full consultation of the United Nations Council for Namibia;
11. Requests the Director General to report to the General Conference any information that Namibian soil is used by South Africa in any way as a dumping ground for radioactive wastes of whatever nature;
12. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to follow and contribute to the implementation of the above-mentioned United Nations General Assembly resolutions in what relates to the Agency and especially the request to the Agency to refrain from extending, directly or indirectly, to South Africa any nuclear facilities;
13. Further requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to follow closely the activities of South Africa and its evolution in the nuclear field and to report to the General Conference at its thirtieth regular session;
14. Requests the Board of Governors to make recommendations to the General Conference at its thirtieth regular session on appropriate action to be taken in accordance with the Statute if by that session South Africa has not complied with this resolution;

15. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Conference at its thirtieth regular session; and

16. Requests the Director General to bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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