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POSSIBLE ELEMENTS FOR CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM 6 ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY

Working paper: Federal Republic of Germany

1. The following elements for concrete recommendations are put forward at the request of the Chairman, who has expressed the wish to see additional draft texts of a possible consensus nature at this time. These elements do not necessarily reflect the position of the Federal Republic of Germany in full. The elements also seek to reflect a number of suggestions resulting from informal contacts with other delegations. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany reserves the possibility to amplify its proposals at a later date.

2. The Disarmament Commission might recommend that the General Assembly request:

(a) South Africa to terminate forthwith its apartheid policy, an institutionalized system of racial discrimination, by setting in motion a process of peaceful change in favour of the oppressed majority and for the benefit of all sections of the population;

(b) All States to contribute to the attainment of this goal to the best of their ability;

(c) South Africa to refrain from any acquisition of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, not to acquire control over such weapons or explosive devices directly or indirectly, not to seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and not to conduct the explosion of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in Africa or elsewhere;

(d) South Africa to adhere without delay to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to place all its nuclear facilities under safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(e) South Africa to practice transparency and openness in its military affairs, in order to allow for an unimpeded and full assessment of its activities in the nuclear field by the international community and, in particular, by its neighbouring States;

(f) All States to refrain, in line with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, from any co-operation with South Africa involving sensitive nuclear technology or special nuclear material which would lead to the creation or strengthening of a capability on the part of that country to produce nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(g) All States to consider and respect the continent of Africa as a nuclear-weapon-free zone;

(h) The Secretary-General to follow closely South Africa's evolution in the nuclear field and to report to the General Assembly whenever new developments require the attention of the international community.
