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Letter dated 6 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as the Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement regarding the report that Dr. Hans Blix, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, are due to present to the Security Council on 14 February 2003.

The Non-Aligned Movement believes that this report will provide a clear indication of the best way in which the wider international community might be able to support the Security Council in achieving a peaceful resolution of this matter. In this regard, we respectfully request that the Security Council consider convening an open debate in order to afford the Members of the United Nations the opportunity to express their views on this important issue of international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dumisani S. **Kumalo**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative