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**Letter dated 27 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative
of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman
of the Committee**

With reference to the letter of your predecessor dated 15 June 2005, I have the honour to convey to the Committee the attached additional information for inclusion in the matrix summarizing Namibia's implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

(Signed) Martin Andjaba
Permanent Representative



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OP 2: Nuclear:

- No nuclear weapons;
- Uranium mining for export and **peaceful applications** only.

OP 3 a/b: Nuclear:

- **Atomic** Energy and Radiation Protection Act, Act No 5 of 2005 (soon to be operational). The Act's object **is** to regulate the use of nuclear and **radioactive** material as well as administer the requirements of international treaties and conventions including the NPT, CSA, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, etc;
- Namibia **is** party to the NPT (signed in **1992**) and has entered into a **Comprehensive** Safeguards Agreement (signed in **1998**) **with** an Additional **Protocol** signed in 2000, but yet to be ratified;
- The **Constitution** of the Republic of Namibia [**Article 95(1)**] **prohibits** the dumping of nuclear waste in Namibian waters and **territory**;
- Radioactive Material regulated in line with national **legislation** (Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974);
- Namibia has committed herself **to** the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Security of **Radioactive Sources**.

OP 3c/d: Export Control

- **Import/export** of nuclear and **radioactive** material, **including** sources material, regulated **nationally (administrative** controls in line with national policy);
 - Uranium exports **reported** annually to IAEA pursuant to Article 34 of SA;
 - Transport of nuclear and **radioactive** material in **accordance** with IAEA safety standards;
 - Uranium export permits are only **issued** once annually and are valid for one year. These permits are only approved by the Minister. The uranium oxide sales and exchange agreements are also only approved by the Minister. In terms of article 34 of the **Safeguards** Agreement (**INFCIR/153** and 540) Namibia reports to the International Atomic Energy Agency the **quantity**, composition and destination of uranium exports to **non-nuclear** weapon States, which are used for peaceful purposes. This ensures that the Agency can **verify its** findings, and that the material exported from Namibia is not diverted to non-peaceful nuclear activities or weapons.
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