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**Draft Agreement Between South Africa and Israel on  
the Application of Safeguards to the Sale of  
Uranium**

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**Summary:**

Contract between the governments of Israel and South Africa with terms outlining the safeguards that would be used for the sale of South African uranium to Israel. The safeguards intended to ensure that the material would be used for peaceful purposes only and none would be used "for atomic weapons or for research on or development of atomic weapons or for any other military purposes."

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DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ON THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS TO SOURCE MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

A. The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Israel emphasise their common interest in assuring that any source material made available to the Government of Israel shall be used solely for civil purposes.

B. Except to the extent that the safeguards provided for in this Agreement may be supplanted, by agreement of the Parties, by other acceptable safeguards, as provided in Paragraph F of this Agreement, the Government of the Republic of South Africa shall have the following rights :

1. With the object of assuring design and operation for civil purposes and permitting effective application of safeguards, to review the design of any

(i) reactor and

(ii) other equipment and devices the design of which the South African Atomic Energy Board determines to be relevant to the effective application of safeguards;

which are to use, fabricate, or process any of the source material made available to the Government of Israel or any person under its jurisdiction by the Government of the Republic of South Africa or any person under its jurisdiction;

2. With respect to any source material made available to the Government of Israel or any person under its jurisdiction by the Government of the Republic of South Africa or any person under its jurisdiction

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and any source or special nuclear material utilised in, recovered from or produced as a result of the use of any of the source material so made available,

(a) to require the maintenance and production of operating records and to request and receive reports for the purpose of assisting in ensuring accountability for such materials; and

SG (b) to require that any such material in the custody of the Government of Israel or any person under its jurisdiction be subject to all of the safeguards provided for in this agreement and the guarantees set forth in Paragraph D;

3. To designate, after consultation with the Government of Israel, personnel who, accompanied, if either party so requests, by personnel designated by the Government of Israel, shall have access in Israel to all places and data necessary to account for the source and special nuclear materials which are subject to Paragraph B2 of this Agreement to determine whether there is compliance with this Agreement and to make such independent measurements as may be deemed necessary;

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4. In the event of non-compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, or the guarantees set forth in Paragraph D of the Agreement, and the failure of the Government of Israel to carry out the provisions of this Agreement within a reasonable time, to suspend or terminate this Agreement and require the return of any source material referred to in Paragraph B2 of this Agreement.

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- C. The Government of Israel undertakes to facilitate the application of the safeguards provided for in this Agreement.

- D. The Government of Israel guarantees that :
- (a) Safeguards provided in this Agreement shall be maintained.
  - (b) No material transferred to the Government of Israel or authorised persons under its jurisdiction by lease, sale or otherwise, will be used for atomic weapons or for research on or development of atomic weapons or for any other military purpose, and that no such material will be transferred to unauthorised persons or beyond the jurisdiction of the Government of Israel except as the South African Atomic Energy Board may agree to such transfer to another nation or international organisation and then only on conditions to be stipulated by the Government of the Republic of South Africa relating to the peaceful utilisation of such material.

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E. The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Israel foresee that source material may be made available to the Government of Israel or persons under its jurisdiction for purposes of stockpiling and not for immediate use. The Government of Israel undertakes to place such material under seal in storage facilities in Israel and not to remove such material from the storage facilities in question or to use such material in any way without previously informing the Government of the Republic of South Africa.

While the source material made available to the Government of Israel is being stored in terms of this paragraph, the following safeguards procedures shall be applied :-

- Report
- (i) The Government of Israel shall submit to the Government of the Republic of South Africa information on the design of each sealed storage facility and shall agree with the Government of the Republic of South Africa on the method and procedure for sealing it.
  - (ii) Two routine accounting reports in respect of the source material in sealed storage shall be submitted each year.
  - (iii) The Government of the Republic of South Africa may perform one routine inspection of each sealed storage facility annually.
  - (iv) The Government of Israel may remove source material from the sealed storage facility after informing the Government of the Republic of South Africa, at least three months in advance of the date of removal, of the amount, type and

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intended use of the material to be removed, and providing sufficient other data in time to enable the Government of the Republic of South Africa to continue safeguarding the material after it has been removed.

In the event that the Government of Israel agrees that the source material made available to it or to persons under its jurisdiction may be stored temporarily within the Republic of South Africa until required for use in Israel whereupon the source material will immediately be delivered to the Government of Israel the safeguards provided for in this Agreement will be suspended for the period that the source material is stored within the Republic of South Africa and until delivery to the Government of Israel has been effected.

F. The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Israel will at the request of either party consult with a view to determining in what respects and to what extent they desire to arrange for the safeguards provided for in this Agreement, or safeguards regarded by the Government of the Republic of South Africa as providing equally effective guarantees, to be administered by another authority which may be an international authority.

G. For the purposes of this Agreement -

- (a) "Source material" means (i) uranium, thorium, or any other material which is determined by the Government of the Republic of South Africa in agreement with the Government of Israel to be source material, or (ii) ores containing one or more of the foregoing materials in such concentration as the Government of the Republic of South Africa may determine from time to time;

  
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- (b) "Special nuclear material" means (i) plutonium, uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235 and any other material which the Government of the Republic of South Africa determines to be special nuclear material; or (ii) any material artifically enriched by any of the foregoing.

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