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TO: DCI/NPC - [redacted] B1
FROM: INR/SPA - [redacted] B6
SUBJECT: INR Comments on PAWG Draft

As discussed, the following is INR's submission as footnote to the PAWG paper on South Africa's nuclear inventory declaration:

"INR believes it is premature to offer a general verdict on the accuracy of South Africa's nuclear inventory declaration. The collective body of evidence available is ambiguous and open to differing interpretations, both derogatory and non-derogatory. In our view, the "honest declaration" scenario is as plausible as the "cheating" scenario. Key uncertainties remain, particularly those surrounding estimates of pilot plant output; some may be resolved over time. While the amount of HEU reportedly declared raises doubts and serious questions, it also falls within the range [redacted] of plausible HEU production levels."

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As discussed, although we anticipate no need to revise this footnote, we would appreciate the opportunity to briefly eyeball a final draft of the report before publication -- simply to ensure that, owing to the volume of comments being submitted by other agencies (all of which we have reviewed), our footnote still roughly tracks with the final product.

Please contact me at (202) 647-8230 if you have any questions or plan on making any changes (editorial or substantive) to the submission above. Thanks in advance.

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