In preparation for the 2010 World Cup, South Africa collaborated with a number of countries and organisations to develop an adequate response capability for any chemical, biological or radiological event.

- Acquired & developed new systems for detection
- Procured new technology
- Integrated procedures with Disaster Management, Fire Services, EMRS, Local hospitals

No planning was done for any nuclear weapons detonation since the Security Services and other institutions conceded that we would not be able to manage the consequences with our resources and capabilities.

Planning for a nuclear weapons attack would basically be useless, and would divert resources needed for basic needs towards a response capacity that would be largely wiped out or rendered useless if there were to be a nuclear weapons attack on one of the host cities.
CONCLUSIONS

- For 2010, our priority was to ensure the safety & security of all persons in the country. We planned for certain foreseeable risks and we considered the measures put in place to be adequate.
- The risk of a nuclear weapon detonation was considered intolerable as it is inconceivable that we could ever manage or adequately respond to such an event.
- The sheer magnitude, catastrophic impact and devastating effects of such an event would immediately overwhelm our 1st responders.
- Capabilities are mainly housed in larger cities – an attack of this nature would paralyse South African health, emergency response systems and infrastructure.
- As a fairly privileged country in Africa with good infrastructure and modernised systems, South Africa is unable to develop any effective or adequate capability to respond to a nuclear weapon detonation.
CONCLUDING REMARKS

- South Africa is the first nation in the world which voluntarily gave up all the nuclear weapons it had developed.
- It seems to be an anomaly that we are able to develop reasonable response capacity for Chem/Bio and Radiological attacks and not nuclear weapons attacks which are the most inhumane, indiscriminate and destructive weapon.
- In my view, the only effective measure and adequate response to deal with this threat is the total elimination of all nuclear weapons and the legally binding assurance that they will never be produced again.

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