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Dear Mr Booi:

Thank you for your letter dated 03 August 2009 concerning the information at my disposal concerning the conventional arms trade in South Africa.

I enclose herewith as per your request a copy of the document, released by me at a press conference yesterday, entitled Arming Dictators all over the World: National Conventional Arms Control Committee in Crisis.

The document contains information brought to my attention concerning arms deals that have been authorised, arms deals awaiting authorisation as well as an authorisation to exhibit and demonstrate military support equipment in a country of concern by the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC).

The arms deals that have been “authorised” by the NCACC include:

- selling glide bombs that could be used to deliver nuclear, chemical and biological weapons to Libya;
- selling multiple grenade launchers to Libya;
- selling multiple grenade launchers to Syria; and
- selling thousands of multiple grenade launchers and upgraded assault rifles to Venezuela.

The arms deals that are “pending” authorisation by the NCACC include:

- attempting to sell thousands of aviator G-suits to Iran;
- attempting to sell thousands of sniper rifles to Syria; and
- attempting to sell millions of rounds of ammunition to Zimbabwe.

The arms deals also include authorisation by the NCACC to:

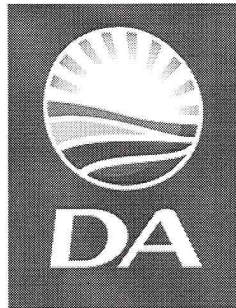
- exhibit and demonstrate radar warning receivers for submarines in North Korea.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me on (021) 403 3337 or 0715346398.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DM Maynier', with a stylized initial 'DM' and the name 'Maynier' written in a cursive script.

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**ARMING DICTATORS ALL OVER THE WORLD
National Conventional Arms Control Committee in crisis**

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