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Stratek Global Announces Appointment of Chairman Dr Kelvin Kemm to the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

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Stratek Global, a leader in advanced nuclear power solutions, is pleased to announce that its Chairman, Dr Kelvin Kemm has been appointed to the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The council is tasked with overseeing South Africa's commitments to international non-proliferation regimes, ensuring the country adheres to its obligations under treaties such as the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and other agreements aimed at preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

The appointment reflects the government's intent to strengthen its institutional framework for non-proliferation, aligning with national security priorities and global disarmament efforts. The establishment of this council under Ms. Ditebogo Kgomo's leadership signals a proactive step by the South African government to enhance oversight and coordination in this critical area. This move is particularly relevant given South Africa's historical role as a leader in disarmament, having voluntarily dismantled its nuclear weapons program between 1989 and 1991, and its ongoing commitment to promoting peace and security on the African continent and globally.

During the Cabinet meeting held on 26 March 2025, the South African government announced the appointment of members to the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

All appointments are subject to the verification of qualifications and relevant security clearances.

Recent Context and Developments

The Council's role has gained prominence amid evolving global security challenges, including technological advancements in WMD-related fields and regional instability in Africa. The appointment of a new committee on 26 March 2025, as announced in the Cabinet statement, reflects a renewal of its mandate to address these contemporary issues. The diverse expertise of appointees—such as nuclear physicist Dr. Kelvin Kemm, virologist Dr. Jaqueline Weyer, and academic Prof. Bismark Tyobeka—suggests a focus on tackling both traditional and emerging threats, such as bioterrorism and cyber-enabled proliferation risks.

Historically, the Council has supported South Africa's active participation in international forums, including its chairing of the Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation and its contributions to NPT review conferences. As of April 10, 2025, the Council continues to play a critical role in balancing South Africa's industrial and scientific advancement, particularly in nuclear energy and chemical industries with stringent non-proliferation safeguards, ensuring that economic development does not compromise global security commitments.

The South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction serves as a vital institution in maintaining the country's exemplary non-proliferation record, adapting to new challenges through expert leadership and robust regulatory mechanisms.

We congratulate all the appointees to the council, in particular Dr. Kelvin Kemm, Chair of Stratek Global Advanced Energy Solutions.

About Stratek Global

Stratek Global provides a spectrum of nuclear energy solutions through its consortium, including high-temperature gas-cooled reactors, TRISO fuel design and fabrication, and spent fuel management services. With a strong presence in Africa, Europe, and Australia, Stratek Global is committed to delivering innovative and scalable energy solutions for industrial, regional, and national energy security.

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About the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

The South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction is a statutory body established under the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act 87 of 1993. Its primary mandate is to ensure South Africa's compliance with international treaties and obligations

related to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), including nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

The Council operates under the oversight of the Minister of Trade, Industry, and Competition and plays a pivotal role in regulating the development, production, possession, and transfer of materials, equipment, and technologies that could be used to create WMDs. South Africa's commitment to non-proliferation is rooted in its unique history as the only

country to have voluntarily dismantled its nuclear weapons program in the early 1990s, making the Council a cornerstone of its global leadership in disarmament and peace advocacy.

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