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SUBMISSION MADE BY UGANDA ON THE LEGALITY OF THE
USE BY A STATE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ARMED CONFLICTS

Following the World Health Assembly Resolution adopted last year requesting the advisory opinion on the legality of the use of nuclear weapons in armed conflicts, Uganda has the pleasure in making the following submission regarding the issue:

It is a generally accepted principle by the International Community, that the use of nuclear weapons constitutes a Crime against humanity and a violation of the Charter as well as international humanitarian law. Uganda strongly subscribe to this view.

Use of nuclear weapons causes massive human suffering, unlimited environmental destruction and is therefore a threat to human existence.

The use of nuclear weapons is illegal and should therefore be eliminated in order to create a nuclear weapons free world. Adopting a convention on the prohibition of the use of Nuclear Weapons would therefore be a step in the right direction.

Uganda therefore welcomes the consideration of the World Health Organisation's question by the ICJ.

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