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Hi Folks,

I enclose a discussion paper based on the discussions at the SCND exec and a further discussion with [REDACTED] of STUC. Please do not circulate this paper more widely. Let me know if we need any major changes. It is not intended as any kind of official submission, merely to guide our contributions on

Wednesday.  
 Best Wishes

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A brief synopsis of my understanding of the issues to be discussed at the Working Group on Wednesday after a discussion with [REDACTED] last week. Please let me know if there are any areas we need to clarify before we go into the meeting.

**Legal issues**

2 approaches: an invitation of key international lawyers on 26th June (initiated by [REDACTED]) to brief MSPs of all parties on the legal position regarding the possession and use of NWs - organised via cross party group at Holyrood; Government to produce a paper on same subject after wide consultation with Scottish and international legal opinion.

**NPT**

Request for Scottish Government observer status at NPT (likely to be unsuccessful).

Circulate a letter from First Minister round NGOs and official delegates explaining the position of Scottish government, the Scottish Parliament and most civic organisations that Trident nor wanted by the Scottish people, that it will undermine the NPT process and the attempts of the international community to halt the spread of NWs.

Bill Kidd MSP could be charged with speaking on behalf of the First Minister.

**Safety**

Government should solicit detailed submissions from a range of statutory bodies (Local Authority emergency planning officers, fire services etc) and interested parties (SCND, Nukewatch, FOE, Greenpeace etc) regarding the safety issues surrounding nuclear facilities. How adequate are existing statutory regulations and how do they interface with local authority emergency planning arrangements. What are the risks? Can we protect the people of Scotland in the event of nuclear accident or war? Based on this consultation the Scottish Government could produce an authoritative report on the safety issues which could take the debate forward.

**Economic**

Starting point is the STUC/SCND report produced in March 2007. Need to commission a new piece of work to take us forward to the next stage: a **plan** for diversifying Scotland's economy away from Trident. Such a plan must involve the local community, trade unions and, crucially, requires resources to fund the process of transferring skills and for LAs to

absorb surplus security personnel (for example). Part of process may require intervention to create a marine power research facility which could be the hub of a new renewable energy industry (?based in Coulport or nearby site in the west of Scotland). This will not happen if it is left to market forces, but will require significant Government intervention. Scottish Enterprise because of its likely opposition to cancelling Trident and its commitment to promoting market solutions would not be an appropriate body to lead this piece of work.