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BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-3-1) of 2 July 1980, has the honour to state the following.

In matters relating to the effort to combat the policies of apartheid practised by the racist South African régime, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic is guided by its position of principle. The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic has never maintained in the past and does not at present maintain any relations with South Africa in the economic, military or any other field and accordingly has no contractual or licensing agreements, including agreements for the supply of weapons, military technology and equipment, with the racist régime in Pretoria.

On the basis of that position, the Byelorussian SSR supports Security Council resolutions 418 (1977) and 473 (1980) concerning the arms embargo against South Africa and, accordingly, government departments and organizations in the Byelorussian SSR are strictly complying with the provisions of these resolutions in their practical activities.

In view of the fact that the racist régime in Pretoria, whose policies represent a threat to international peace and security, is actively continuing to build up its military strength and seeking to acquire nuclear weapons, the Byelorussian SSR deems it its duty once again to call attention to the need for the adoption, by the Security Council, of suitable measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations to prohibit all forms of nuclear co-operation with the racist South African régime.

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian SSR to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration and requests that this note be issued as an official document of the Security Council.

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