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OF GHANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and in response to the latter's Note No. PO.230/SOAF of 10 November 1977, has the honour to state Ghana's position on Security Council resolution 418 (1977) adopted unanimously on 4 November 1977, as follows:

"Ghana is resolutely opposed to apartheid and supports the just struggle of the people of South Africa and their liberation movements to rid their country of political subjugation, racism and human degradation as practised by the Vorster régime.

"Consistent with this policy, therefore, Ghana does not have and does not intend to entertain any political, economic, social, cultural or military relations with the apartheid régime of South Africa.

"Trade with South Africa in particular, has been forbidden by law in Ghana since 1960, even though the country's voluntary boycott of South African goods dates as far back as the time of the independence of Ghana in 1957.

"On 30 July 1960, the Controller of Imports and Exports in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Imports and Exports Restriction Order, 1948 (No. 113) revoked all open general licences which authorized the importation into Ghana of:

- (a) Goods consigned from South Africa and South West Africa,
- (b) Goods of South African or South West African origin or manufacture, irrespective of the country of shipment (Commercial and Industrial Bulletin No. 5 dated 30 July 1960).

"Again on 23 June 1961, the Controller of Imports and Exports prohibited the exportation from Ghana of all Ghanaian produce to South Africa. All export licences which had been issued prior to the notice were accordingly revoked.

"Ghana has since then not amended its legislation regarding trade with South Africa.

"Ghana thus fully supports the Security Council for adopting resolution 418 (1977). It is Ghana's hope that in the event of South Africa continuing to disregard the call of the international community to abolish the pernicious apartheid system and institute majority rule in Azania the partial sanctions now prescribed under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations will be comprehensively extended.

"Meanwhile, Ghana further pledges its full support for any international effort to make the arms embargo effective."

The Permanent Representative of Ghana would be grateful if this note would be circulated as a Security Council document.

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