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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note of 29 March 1978 concerning Security Council resolution 418 (1977), has the honour to inform him of the following:

Since it attained independence, Mauritania has always abstained from relations of any kind with the racist régime of South Africa.

This position taken by Mauritania, which is based primarily on political and moral considerations, is also justified by the unequivocal decisions of the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States against the racist régime of Pretoria.

Since Mauritania became a Member of the United Nations it has always endeavoured to respect in the most scrupulous manner the decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning the apartheid policy of the South African régime.

Hence, it is in the same spirit and with the same readiness that the Government of Mauritania will implement Security Council resolution 418 (1977) imposing an arms embargo against the racist régime of South Africa.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the United Nations requests the Secretary-General kindly to have this note distributed as a Security Council document.
