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The Acting Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note No. PO 230 SORH (1-2) dated 7 June 1968, concerning resolution 253 (1968), adopted by the Security Council at its 1428th meeting on 29 May 1968, in connexion with the question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia.

The Australian Government is taking the following measures to implement resolution 253 (1968) of the Security Council.

The entry into Australia and the export from Australia of imports from and exports to Southern Rhodesia will be controlled within the terms of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the resolution. No licence for export to Southern Rhodesia will be issued unless the item in question falls within the exceptions specified in the resolution. The banking (foreign exchange) regulations provide for control over the transfer of funds to Southern Rhodesia. There are no vessels of Australian registration engaged in trade with Southern Rhodesia.

Applications for permission to travel to Australia of holders of Southern Rhodesian passports or by residents of Southern Rhodesia will be considered with due regard to paragraph 5 of the Security Council's resolution. In particular, a visa system - not previously applicable to holders of Southern Rhodesian passports as such - will now be introduced.

The Australian international airline, QANTAS, does not call at airports in Rhodesia.

Complementary action to implement resolution 253 (1968) will also be taken in respect of Australia's external Territories.

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