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LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBYA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your note of 7 June 1968 addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Libya, with regard to the text of resolution 253 (1968) adopted by the Security Council on the question concerning Southern Rhodesia and the mandatory economic, commercial and other sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia.

As previously advised in our communications, circulated as official United Nations documents A/6266, dated 15 February 1966, and S/7742, dated 15 February 1967, and our notes of 29 December 1966 and 25 April 1968, the policy of the Government of the Kingdom of Libya towards the illegal minority régime in Southern Rhodesia has been clearly defined.

The Government of the Kingdom of Libya has never recognized the illegal régime and have severed all economic relations encountered in paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned resolution imposing a complete ban on all imports and exports to Southern Rhodesia, including the export of Libyan oil, closing all ports to ships flying the flag of Southern Rhodesia, banning all aircraft of Southern Rhodesia from Libyan airspaces and airfields. The Government of the Kingdom of Libya is applying without limitation all the measures which the Security Council has decided should be adopted as sanctions against the Southern Rhodesian régime, and has offered morally and materially assistance to the people of Zimbabwe in their struggle to achieve their freedom.

It will therefore be evident that the Government of the Kingdom of Libya has already taken all appropriate measures, which fully comply with the relevant provisions and stipulations of the Security Council resolution of 29 May 1968.

I should be grateful if the text of this letter could be circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Wahbi EL BOURI
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to the United Nations
