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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1967 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF YEMEN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to address Your Excellency with reference to your note No. FO.230 of 17 December 1966 addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, transmitting the text of resolution S/RES/232 (1966) adopted by the Security Council on 16 December 1966, on the question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia, and requesting information on the measures taken by the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

I would like to reiterate the Yemen Arab Republic Government's position which fully recognizes the inalienable rights of the people of Zimbabwe to freedom and independence. I would like also, to assure Your Excellency that my Government maintains no political, economic or trade relations with the illegal racist minority régime of Ian Smith.

While the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic does not believe that the present resolution of the Security Council on Southern Rhodesia, will be effective in bringing down the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, they are prepared to give their maximum co-operation in the implementation of the resolution under reference.

The Government of the Yemen Arab Republic is of the view that this resolution does not and can not lessen the responsibility of the Government of the United Kingdom as administering Power for the present situation in Southern Rhodesia.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for this note verbale to be circulated as an official Security Council document.

I avail myself of this opportunity etc.

(Signed) Galib A. GAMIL
Deputy Permanent Representative
