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OF JAMAICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the following resolution, adopted by the Jamaican House of Representatives at its meeting of 16 November 1965 on the question of Southern Rhodesia, be circulated as a document of the Security Council:

Whereas the Colonial Government of Southern Rhodesia which is unrepresentative of the majority of the adult population of Southern Rhodesia has made a unilateral declaration of independence, and

Whereas this declaration is unconstitutional and illegal and is an act of rebellion, and

Whereas such independence will mean the continued repression and oppression of the majority of the population by a minority, and

Whereas the Jamaican Government has repeatedly declared its irrevocable opposition to any such declaration and its firm support of independence for Rhodesia only on majority rule and universal adult suffrage,

Be it resolved that the Parliament of Jamaica -

(A) Records its total disagreement with and its complete opposition to the unilateral declaration of independence by Mr. Smith;

(B) Gives its strong support for the stand of the Jamaican Government at the United Nations and elsewhere in the issue;

(C) Pledges its support for all adequate and effective measures including the use of force if necessary for the protection of Africans in Rhodesia which might be taken by Great Britain and the United Nations in this issue;

(D) Supports the Jamaican Government in all measures including the imposition of diplomatic and economic sanctions against Rhodesia and any other stronger measures which might be deemed necessary by the Government;

(E) Reaffirms its support for the great majority of the people of Southern Rhodesia in this hour of their extreme crisis;

(F) Stands ready to offer a defence contribution including men and materials in support of any action taken by the United Nations to enforce law and order and to suppress rebellion in Rhodesia;

(G) Declares that should the British Government by itself or with the aid of the United Nations fail to establish at the earliest possible time a constitutional Government that will advance Southern Rhodesia to independence under majority rule it will take steps to summon a meeting of members of the Commonwealth with a view to considering what further action should be taken and also to consider in the light of such decisions as may be arrived at the future of that constitution."

The Permanent Representative of Jamaica avails himself of this opportunity etc.

