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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Benin presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with regard to his note PO 230 SOAF of 18 May 1978, has the honour to refer to its note of 4 May 1978 (S/12708) concerning the steps taken by the People's Republic of Benin to implement resolution 418 (1977), concerning the mandatory arms embargo against South Africa.

In the light of the request of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 421 (1977), the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Benin attaches paramount importance to the strict implementation of paragraph 3 of resolution 418 (1977), which is addressed primarily to the Western allies and supporters of the racist régime of South Africa.

The Western countries which have significant contacts and licensing arrangements relating to the manufacture of arms have a duty to honour their commitments, since they all voted in favour of Security Council resolution 418 (1977).

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Benin to the United Nations requests that the present note be circulated as a document of the Security Council.
