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The Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note SCPC-2-2-4(84), dated 21 December 1984, has the honour to state the following:

The Government of India has consistently supported the oppressed majority of South Africa in its struggle against the oppressive apartheid régime. India has all along opposed firmly all forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid pursued by the racist régime of South Africa. The issue of racism in South Africa, in fact, was first included in the agenda of the United Nations in 1946 at the initiative of India.

After attaining independence in 1947, India unilaterally severed all diplomatic, economic, trade, cultural and sports links with the Pretoria régime. India's boycott of the South African régime is complete and total. The question of importing arms etc. from South Africa, therefore, does not arise. As a member of the Security Council, India voted in favour of resolutions 418 (1977) and 558 (1984). The Government of India has always firmly implemented all United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions relating to the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa. At the same time, the Government of India has been stressing the need to impose comprehensive mandatory economic sanctions against the South African régime in order to root out completely the evil system of apartheid.

It would be appreciated if this note could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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