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THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Note verbale dated 24 May 1963 from the Chargé d'affaires of Ghana  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Chargé d'Affaires of Ghana presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's Note No. PO 230 USAF (2) of 21 January, 1963 concerning General Assembly resolution 1761 (XVII) of 6 November, 1962, entitled "The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa", has the honour to make the following statement on the instructions of the Ghana Government.

Ghana most emphatically reaffirms her strong opposition to the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa. At the United Nations and at other international organizations Ghana has played a leading role in opposing the policies of apartheid of the South African Government.

Ghana was applying the measures provided in General Assembly resolution 1761 (XVII) against the Republic of South Africa before the resolution was passed. This resolution strengthened the hands of Ghana in the course she had already been pursuing.

Ghana has never established diplomatic relations with the Republic of South Africa. She has closed her ports to vessels flying the South African flag, and her own ships do not enter South African ports. Ghana has boycotted in toto South African goods and is not exporting any goods to South Africa. The effectiveness of Ghana's boycott of trade with the Republic of South Africa is borne out by Ghana trade statistics. Ghana has refused landing and passage

facilities to all aircraft belonging to the Government and companies registered under the laws of South Africa. Above all, the Ghana Government requires citizens of the Republic of South Africa who wish to enter or travel through Ghana to sign a declaration denouncing the policies of apartheid of the Government of their country.

Ghana is determined to continue applying these measures against the Government of the Republic of South Africa until that Government abandons its policies of apartheid.

It would be appreciated if this Note could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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