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BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to his letter No. TR 410 of 7 February 1966, has the honour to state the following:

The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, true to its position of principle in matters relating to the elimination of colonialism, has always advocated and continues to advocate the immediate implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and is providing and will continue to provide comprehensive support to the struggle of colonial peoples against imperialism and for their national liberation.

The representatives of the Byelorussian SSR have stressed at sessions of the General Assembly that the further maintenance of colonialism in any of its forms or manifestations, and racial discrimination of any kind constitute a threat to peace and security and are a crime against humanity.

Particular anger and indignation is aroused by such repugnant manifestations of racism and colonialism as the policy of apartheid in the Republic of South Africa, the racist policy pursued by the white minority usurper regime in Southern Rhodesia, and the crimes perpetrated by the Portuguese colonizers against the struggling peoples of Angola, Mozambique and so-called Portuguese Guinea. For its part, the Byelorussian SSR is not providing any assistance or support to these

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regimes, does not maintain any relations with them, and favours the adoption of the strongest measures against them in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

The assistance and support provided to these racist and colonialist regimes by the States members of the NATO military bloc must also be resolutely condemned.

The Byelorussian SSR voted in favour of resolution 2105 (XX), which is referred to in the Secretary-General's letter cited above, and fully supports its provisions, including those relating to the legitimacy of the struggle by the peoples under colonial rule to exercise their right to self-determination and independence, the provision by all States of material and moral assistance to the national liberation movements of colonial peoples, and the need to dismantle the military bases of colonial Powers in colonial Territories.

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian SSR to the United Nations requests that this letter should be issued as an official document of the General Assembly.
