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ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-3-1) of 2 July 1980, has the honour to communicate the following.

Fully in line with its principled policy of supporting the peoples' quest for national and social liberation, and their struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and apartheid, the German Democratic Republic has been strictly abiding by the provisions of resolution 418 (1977) adopted by the Security Council. The support and solidarity of the socialist German State go to the South African patriots and their just struggle against the apartheid régime. Now as before, the GDR does not maintain any relations with the apartheid régime in South Africa, be it in the political, economic, military or other fields. Consequently, the GDR has no licensing or other contractual agreements with that régime concerning the production or servicing of weapons, ammunition, military equipment or vehicles.

The GDR advocates the persistent and comprehensive implementation of the Security Council resolution regarding the arms embargo against South Africa. emphatically supports the demands for further coercive measures under the terms of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations for the complete international isolation of the racist régime and for its final elimination. The holding of the International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa, decided upon at the thirty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly, would be a significant step in this direction. The acts of aggression the South African racists have perpetrated against sovereign African States, abusing the illegally occupied Namibian Territory, as well as massive terror against the majority of the South African people, demonstrate the urgency of effective steps to be taken against the policy of apartheid which represents a permanent and gross violation of human rights and a threat to peace. In compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, such measures must be aimed at prohibiting and discontinuing any collaboration with the apartheid régime, and at preventing it, above all, from realizing its nuclear-weapon plans.

During his call at the seat of the Organization of African Unity on 14 November 1979, the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the GDR Council of State, Erich Honecker,

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emphasized, inter alia: "As a non-permanent member of the Security Council, the German Democratic Republic will, also within the United Nations, speak out for effective sanctions against the Republic of South Africa".

The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations requests that this note be circulated as a document of the Security Council.