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The Acting Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in reply to the Secretary-General's note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-3-1) of 2 July 1980, has the honour to refer to document S/12632 of 6 April 1978, which contains extensive information about national legislation enacted in accordance with the provisions of resolutions 418 (1977) and 473 (1980).

The existing Austrian legislation, especially the Federal Law on Import, Export or Transit of Military Material of 18 October 1977 (Federal Law Gazette No. 540), which entered into force on 1 January 1978, contains the provision that any import, export or transit of military equipment and material (as specified in the Federal Government's Ordinance of 22 November 1977, also in force since 1 January 1978, Federal Law Gazette No. 624) is subject to specific permission by the Federal authorities. The Federal Government of Austria takes this opportunity to repeat the assurance that the competent Austrian authorities do not authorize arms export to South Africa and will not grant such permission for the export or transit to South Africa of any military material, as specified in the ordinance mentioned.

The Acting Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations requests the Secretary-General kindly to have this note distributed as a Security Council document.

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