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OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL*

The Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-25) dated 18 May 1978 requesting information for transmission to the Security Council Committee established by resolution 421 (1977) on the measures taken by the United Kingdom Government to implement the provisions of paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) concerning a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa.

The Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has the honour to refer to his note of 1 May 1978 (8/12494/Add.1) whereby the Secretary-General was informed of the measures taken by the United Kingdom to enforce resolution 418. These measures including an Order in Council which prohibits persons from entering into any licensing arrangements for the use in South Africa of patents, registered designs or industrial information or techniques specially devised or formulated for the manufacture or maintenance of arms or equipment specially designed for military or para-military police purposes.

The United Kingdom has implemented the necessary legislation to enforce the arms embargo in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The relevant orders took effect from 1 September 1978.

The United Kingdom has also taken action to implement the arms embargo in the dependent territories. The necessary legislation (the South Africa (Prohibited Exports and Transactions (Overseas Territories) Order 1978) came into operation on 14 December 1978. The Associated States in the West Indies, for whose external relations and defence the United Kingdom is responsible, have been invited to implement their own legislation to give effect to the embargo.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has taken further action to bring to the attention of companies which might be concerned the terms of operative paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 418.

* Circulated at the request of the delegation in a note dated 10 September 1980.