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NOTE VERBALE DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Acting Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's Note No. PO 230 SOAF (2-2-3-1) of 2 July 1980 regarding Resolution 418 (1977) and Resolution 473 (1980) of the Security Council, has the honour to communicate the following reply:

Ireland has always strongly opposed the repressive apartheid system of South Africa, and successive Irish Governments have, therefore, attached the greatest importance to strict compliance with decisions of the Security Council concerning South Africa.

Ireland has maintained a total embargo on supplies of arms and related material to South Africa for many years. In 1963 the Government of Ireland informed the Secretary-General that it had not permitted, and did not intend to permit, the sale or shipment of arms, ammunition or military vehicles to South Africa. Irish Governments have since acted accordingly as a matter of policy. The provisions of Resolution 418 adopted by the Security Council on 4 November 1977 have been strictly implemented by Ireland by orders made under existing legislation relating to the control of exports.

The Government of Ireland wish to confirm that, in compliance with their obligations, they will continue to act strictly in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 418 (1977) and Resolution 473 (1980).

The Acting Permanent Representative of Ireland requests that this note be issued as a document of the Security Council.