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REPRESENTATIVE OF SURINAME TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-3-1) of 2 July 1980, concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 418 (1977), has the honour to communicate the following:

Suriname remains consistent and firm in its opposition to the apartheid system of South Africa. For these reasons, the Government of Suriname entertains no relations whatsoever with South Africa and does not intend to establish relations with that country as long as it practises the criminal system of apartheid.

Suriname does not manufacture arms or ammunition. Its longstanding strict legislation on the import, sale and transit of arms and ammunition sufficiently enables it to implement the arms embargo of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) and does not require enactment of additional legislative measures.

Suriname remains committed to the arms embargo against South Africa and will continue its strict observance.

The Permanent Representative of Suriname has the honour to request that this note verbale be circulated as a document of the Security Council.