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LETTER DATED 23 MARCH 1979 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE
OF RESOLUTION 253 (1968) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF
SOUTHERN RHODESIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia, I have the honour to submit herewith an interim report prepared by the Committee in implementation of paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 445 (1979). I would be grateful if the interim report could be put before the Security Council for consideration.

(Signed) Ampim D. J. BLANKSON
Chairman

Security Council Committee established
in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning
the question of Southern Rhodesia

Annex

Interim report of the Security Council Committee established in
pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of
Southern Rhodesia regarding the implementation of paragraph 8
of Security Council resolution 445 (1979)

1. On 8 March 1979, the Security Council, after considering the question with regard to the situation in Southern Rhodesia, adopted resolution 445 (1979), paragraphs 8 and 9 of which read as follows:

"The Security Council,

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"8. Requests the Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia to meet immediately to consider measures for strengthening and widening the sanctions against Southern Rhodesia and to submit its proposals not later than 23 March 1979.

"9. Decides to meet, not later than 27 March 1979, to consider the report envisaged in paragraph 8."

2. Bearing in mind the importance and urgency of the subject-matter contained in the Security Council's request above, the Committee set to work immediately and devoted four meetings to consideration of possible measures for strengthening and widening the existing sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia. The present interim report was adopted at the 326th meeting on 23 March 1979.

3. In the course of its deliberations the Committee focused its attention on a wide range of areas in which further measures might be contemplated. In view of the constraint of time in which to submit the required report, the Committee did not have an opportunity to discuss in detail all those areas and the specific proposals that might accrue from them. While the Committee felt that it required more time to study in greater detail all the various areas before it, it found unanimous agreement in one proposal which it considered timely and urgent to submit to the Security Council in this interim report as a specific recommendation against unilateral repeal of sanctions; namely, that the Security Council should remind States of their obligation to comply strictly with decisions of the Council in accordance with Article 25 of the Charter.

4. Meanwhile, the Committee felt that it should apprise the Security Council of the range of areas from which it was seeking to find specific proposals for recommendation to the Council for strengthening and widening the sanctions against Southern Rhodesia. The various areas which have emerged in the course of deliberations to date include, among others, the following:

(a) Application of the sanctions against Southern Rhodesia to the full extent of Article 41 of the Charter;

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- (b) Airline companies maintaining air links with Southern Rhodesia;
- (c) Travel to and from Southern Rhodesia;
- (d) Information or other representational offices of the illegal régime abroad;
- (e) Transfer of personal and/or corporate funds to and from Southern Rhodesia;
- (f) Mercenaries serving with the armed forces of the illegal régime;
- (g) Extension of sanctions to South Africa;
- (h) Sports activities concerning Southern Rhodesia;
- (i) Supply of military equipment to Southern Rhodesia;
- (j) Supply of oil and oil products to Southern Rhodesia;
- (k) Non-recognition of the illegal elections and their results;
- (l) Foreign companies operating in Southern Rhodesia.

5. In view of the foregoing, the Committee decided to request the Security Council to grant an extension of the date for submission of the report called for under Security Council resolution 445 (1979). The Committee hopes that by 12 April 1979, it will have completed its deliberations and will be in a position to submit the full report.
