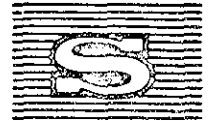


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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-5) of 18 May 1978, concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 418 (1977), has the honour to communicate the following.

The Netherlands has always attached the greatest importance to a strict implementation of the arms embargo against South Africa. This is apparent from the fact that since the call for a voluntary arms embargo in 1963 by the Security Council, the Netherlands has faithfully applied the relevant Security Council resolutions. The adoption of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) concerning a mandatory arms embargo is, therefore, entirely in line with the position adopted by the Netherlands and does not require any changes in respect of government policy.

As for paragraph 3 of resolution 418 (1977), the Netherlands Government is not aware of the existence of any licensing agreement or any other contractual arrangement between the Netherlands and South Africa in the field covered by the resolution.

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