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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ETHIOPIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your note, PO 230 SOAF (2-2-5) of 18 May 1978 and to inform you that the Government of Socialist Ethiopia maintains no relations whatsoever with the racist minority illegal régime of South Africa, whether in the political, economic, commercial or other fields.

Consequently, the provisions of paragraph 3 of resolution 418 (1977) do not apply to the Government of Socialist Ethiopia since it has never had any contractual relations with South Africa, either in the field of armaments or otherwise; nor has the Government of Socialist Ethiopia ever granted to racist South Africa any co-operation or facilities for the manufacture and maintenance of arms, ammunition of all types and military equipment and vehicles.

The Government of Socialist Ethiopia deems it of the utmost importance, in this regard, that the mandatory arms embargo be strictly observed by all and wishes to reiterate its conviction that the arms embargo now in force is insufficient and that a mandatory comprehensive economic sanction under Chapter VII of the Charter is needed to force the racist régime of Pretoria to abandon its abhorrent policy of apartheid.

I should be grateful if this communication could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed Hamid IBRAHIM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative