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NOTE VERBALE DATED 16 AUGUST 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MADAGASCAR
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to note PO 230 SOAF of 10 November 1977 in which the Secretary-General asked Members States for information on the measures taken pursuant to resolution 418 (1977) of the Security Council.

In this connexion the Mission is authorized to reiterate the firm and unequivocal opposition of the Malagasy Government to the policy of apartheid and its total support of the legitimate struggle waged by the South African people and their national liberation movement to replace the present régime by a political, economic and social order based on justice, freedom and majority rule.

The Malagasy Government will maintain this policy, which is in conformity with the letter and the spirit of resolution 418 (1977), and will continue as in the past its efforts to weaken and isolate the illegal apartheid régime.

It considers that the Security Council should, as has been repeatedly proposed, strengthen the sanctions applied under Chapter VII against South Africa in view of the urgency and gravity of the situation prevailing in that country.

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar would be grateful if the Secretariat of the United Nations would have the text of this note verbale circulated as a document of the Security Council.
