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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-3) dated 18 May 1978 on the question of the arms embargo imposed against South Africa by the Security Council in its resolution 418 (1977), has the honour to state the following:

Zambia is totally committed to the eradication of the devilish and obnoxious system of apartheid, which is the core of the existing scourge of racism and white minority rule, not only in South Africa but also in Zimbabwe and Namibia. To this end the Government and People of Zambia have spared no effort and have consistently advocated effective punitive international action against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. The imposition of a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa is but one of the measures that Zambia has repeatedly advocated. It goes without saying, therefore, that Zambia welcomes the adoption by the Security Council, albeit belatedly, of its resolution 418 (1977) in this regard. Zambia does not have any military collaboration with the racist régime of South Africa and, in furtherance of the objective of eradicating the apartheid system in South Africa, will co-operate fully with the Security Council Committee established under resolution 421 (1977) to monitor the observance of the arms embargo.

It is the hope of the Government of Zambia that all members of the Security Council will, in future, be motivated to support, in good time, necessary measures against South Africa in order to enhance the effectiveness of those measures. The mandatory arms embargo was imposed against South Africa after the fascist régime of that country acquired huge stockpiles of weapons and accumulated the technical know-how to set up its own armaments industry. In this regard, it is the considered view of the Government of Zambia that the mandatory arms embargo against South Africa should also include the prohibition of the purchase by any State of arms manufactured by South Africa or any other arms in its arsenal which it might wish to resell.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia requests that this note be circulated to all Member States as a document of the Security Council.