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NOTE VERBALE DATED 10 JANUARY 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note No. PO 230 SOAF of 10 November 1977 addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland regarding resolution 418 (1977), adopted unanimously by the Security Council on 4 November 1977 on "The question of South Africa".

The Permanent Representative of Ireland has been instructed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland to furnish the following reply:

"On 25 September 1963 the Government of Ireland informed the Secretary-General that they had not permitted and did not intend to permit the sale of or shipment of arms, ammunition or military vehicles to South Africa. The Government have since acted accordingly, as a matter of policy. The Government of Ireland wish now to confirm that, in compliance with their obligations, they will act strictly in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 418 (1977). Having advocated a mandatory arms embargo, the Government of Ireland welcome the adoption of this resolution."

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