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NOTE VERBALE DATED 16 JANUARY 1978 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his note No. PO 230 SOAF dated 10 November 1977, has the honour to inform him that the Government of Iraq commits itself to comply with Security Council resolution 418 (1977) dated 4 November 1977 and the implementation of its provisions in accordance with its compliance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. The Government of Iraq would like to make it clear that it has never and will never supply South Africa with any type of arms and related material, including the sale or transfer of weapons and ammunitions, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary police equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, and it has never concluded any contract with South Africa, or grants of licensing arrangements, for the manufacture or maintenance of the aforementioned.

The position of the Government of Iraq stems from the firm and well-known policy of fighting imperialism, racism, and racial discrimination in pursuance of its respect for the provisions of the Charter. Iraq has always supported and sponsored, whether inside the United Nations or in international circles, the imposition of strict sanctions against the racist régime of South Africa, in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. Thus, the Security Council resolution is in agreement with what the Iraqi Government has called for and already complied with for a period of time.

The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations has the honour to request that this communication be issued as a document of the Security Council.
