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NOTE VERBALE DATED 27 APRIL 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to his note dated 10 November 1977 concerning the application of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) by which the Security Council decided, inter alia, to impose an immediate and total embargo on the supplying of arms to South Africa, has the honour to inform him of the following:

The Algerian Government wishes to reaffirm that, in accordance with its policy of struggle against colonialism and racism and of active support for the national liberation movements fighting to assert their rights to self-determination and independence, it has consistently acted in strict conformity with the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution.

In connexion specifically with the policy of apartheid practised by the South African régime and with particular reference to the operative part of resolution 418 (1977), the Algerian Government welcomes the progress made within the international community toward liquidating the régime of racial discrimination and apartheid. In this connexion, the Algerian Government is firmly convinced that, in conformity with Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, measures having binding force must be taken with a view to the full application against the racist régime of South Africa of a complete embargo on arms in order to bring about the eradication of the odious policy of apartheid.

In these circumstances, Algeria not only will continue and intensify its unswerving support of and its solidarity with the just struggle waged by the people of South Africa under the leadership of their national liberation movement but also will continue to work without respite in the international community for the isolation and liquidation of the régime of South Africa.

The Permanent Mission of Algeria would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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