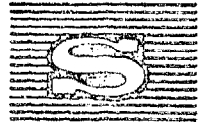


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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his cable of 4 November 1977, addressed to the Government of Afghanistan regarding the measures taken by it in accordance with the provisions of the Security Council resolution 418 (1977) on the question of South Africa, has the honour to enclose herewith the letter of H.E. Mr. Abdul Samad Ghaus, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs of Afghanistan, addressed to Your Excellency.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Afghanistan has the honour to request that this communication be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Letter dated 12 April 1978 from the Deputy Foreign
Minister for Political Affairs of Afghanistan
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your cable concerning Security Council resolution 418 (1977) adopted at its 2046th meeting on 4 November 1977 on the question of an arms embargo against South Africa. Afghanistan has always expressed its strong opposition to colonialism, apartheid, racism, racial discrimination and alien domination.

The Government of the Republic of Afghanistan believes that the military build-up and persistent acts of aggression by South Africa against the neighbouring African States disturb the security of the southern part of Africa and constitute a threat to international peace and security. Afghanistan has persistently supported and continues to support any Security Council recommendation which will put into effect appropriate enforcement measures directed at the offending régime of South Africa and binding all States to ensure the complete embargo of arms sale to South Africa, the violation of which has continued to engage the attention of the international community.

Afghanistan has never had any diplomatic, military, economic or other relation whatsoever, with South Africa. Afghanistan considers the adoption of the above-mentioned Security Council resolution to be a positive measure in the right direction. The Afghan Government extends its full support to the resolution and also to all measures which will ensure the strict compliance of its provisions.

(Signed) Abdul Samad GHAUS
Deputy Foreign Minister
for Political Affairs
