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NOTE VERBALE DATED 9 MAY 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour, with reference to the Secretary-General's note dated 10 November 1977 addressed to His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation concerning resolution 418 (1977) on the question of South Africa, adopted unanimously by the Security Council on 4 November 1977, to inform him of the following:

"The Republic of Chad maintains no relations with the apartheid régime in Pretoria, inasmuch as one of the constants of its foreign policy is its unswerving support for the struggle of peoples still under colonial or racist domination.

In the view of the Republic of Chad, the apartheid practised by South Africa is an absolute scourge which should be combated with all available weapons. The Republic of Chad has always advocated and continues to advocate measures to isolate South Africa. Consequently, South African or foreign aircraft carrying cargo or passengers from or to South Africa are strictly prohibited from flying over the territory of the Republic of Chad or landing at Chad airfields.

The Republic of Chad has taken a stand on behalf of the oppressed peoples of South Africa, and there will be no change in its attitude so long as the racist white minority continues to deny the inalienable rights of the African majority. On the basis of that position of principle, the Republic of Chad unreservedly supports the decision of the Security Council contained in resolution 418 (1977), which is undoubtedly a first step under the international programme of action against the apartheid régime in South Africa. The Republic of Chad therefore earnestly hopes that in the near future the Security Council may, in addition to this military embargo, also require of the international community a mandatory economic embargo."

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chad would be obliged if the Secretary-General would have the text of this note circulated as a Security Council document.