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NOTE VERBALE DATED 16 APRIL 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the latest acts of aggression by the illegal minority régime in Southern Rhodesia against the Republic of Zambia.

The Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt kindly requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Statement of 14 April 1979 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of  
Egypt on the latest acts of aggression by the illegal minority  
régime of Southern Rhodesia against Zambia

A spokesman for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt has stated that the Arab Republic of Egypt strongly denounces the acts of aggression launched by the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia against Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. The spokesman said that the continuous policy of aggression pursued by the Ian Smith régime against the people of Zimbabwe and the neighbouring African States, in defiance of international law, requires that the international community should take all the necessary and effective measures to stop these acts of aggression, to end the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia and to enable the African majority to achieve self-government.

The Egyptian spokesman reaffirmed the full support of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the sister Republic of Zambia, and its solidarity with the people of Zambia and with all the African Front-Line Countries. He also added that Egypt was convinced that the legitimate struggle of the people of Zimbabwe, which is fully supported by Egypt, will never diminish; and that the acts of aggression committed by the Ian Smith régime, and abetted by the apartheid régime of Pretoria, could only serve to reinforce the self-confidence of the people of Zimbabwe and the confidence in their leadership. This struggle will never cease until all the racist forces which usurp the legitimate rights of the Zimbabwean people have been eliminated.

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