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OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-4) of 21 March 1979 requesting that any information concerning violations of the arms embargo against the South African racists should be communicated to him, has the honour to state the following.

In keeping with its position of principle on this question, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics complies strictly with the decisions of the Security Council of the United Nations concerning the arms embargo against South Africa. The USSR maintains no relations with South Africa in any field, economic, military or other, and has accordingly entered into no licensing arrangements and no agreements of any kind with the Pretoria régime, much less any agreement for the delivery of arms, ammunition and related matériel.

The Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations deems it necessary to draw the attention of the relevant organs of the United Nations to the many reports emanating from the media to the effect that South Africa continues to receive arms of various kinds from certain Western countries, in direct violation of the decisions of the Security Council concerning the arms embargo against the Republic of South Africa. These misdeeds of the Western countries increase military tension in Africa and contribute in general to the threat to international peace and security.

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations requests that this note should be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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