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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 SCPC/2/86/3 (1-2) of 21 May 1987, has the honour to state the following.

Guided by its position of principle regarding the racist policy of apartheid of the Republic of South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics maintains no relations with South Africa in the economic, military or other spheres.

Adhering strictly to Security Council decisions on the arms embargo against South Africa, the USSR supported Security Council resolution 591 (1986), which is aimed at eliminating existing loopholes in the embargo and making it more effective. That resolution supplements previous Council decisions on a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa. In that connection, the adoption of further concrete and effective measures to strengthen the embargo and to give it a comprehensive character is of great importance.

Considering that the racist South African régime poses a threat to world peace and security, is conducting a policy of aggression, destabilization and State terrorism against the independent States of the region, is continuing to build up its military potential and is seeking to gain access to nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union continues to believe that there is an urgent need for the Security Council to adopt all necessary measures in the struggle for the speedy elimination of racism and apartheid in southern Africa.

The Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations requests that this note be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.
