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NOTE DATED 30 JUNE 1950 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 27 JUNE 1950 (S/1511)

The permanent representative of the Union of South Africa presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his telegram No. 8 of 29 June 1950, to the Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa on the question of Korea, is directed to state as follows:

The Union Government have closely watched the events of the past few days in Korea. They deplore and condemn what appears to them to be the clearly aggressive acts and intentions of the Government of Northern Korea.

The Union Government have noted with satisfaction the resolution of the Security Council and in support of that resolution, the prompt and firm decisions of President Truman and the United Kingdom Government to do what they can to check the aggressive plans of Northern Korea.

The Union Government have never regarded the Far East as falling within the sphere of their military responsibility in the preservation of world peace. Moreover having regard to the remoteness of the present scene of aggression from South Africa there is apparently little assistance of any kind that the Union of South Africa could give which, bearing in mind the time factor and other considerations, would prove helpful. Nevertheless the Union Government would be prepared in consultation with Great Britain and the other Dominions to give the most careful and sympathetic consideration to any appeal for assistance in dire need received either from the United Nations or those Western countries who associate themselves with the Security Council resolution and are most directly concerned.
