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OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for publication as a Security Council document, the following information in response to Note PO 230 SOAF (2-2-4) of 21 March 1979:

In the struggle for the elimination of the remnants of colonialism, racism and apartheid the German Democratic Republic firmly stands at the side of the peoples of southern Africa. It is providing political, diplomatic and material assistance to the peoples of Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa as well as to their national liberation movements fighting for independence and self-determination. This principled position was once again emphasized by the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic, Erich Honecker, during his visit to several African countries in February this year.

The German Democratic Republic most resolutely condemns the policy of apartheid pursued by the South African racist régime, which is disobeying all human rights and endangering peace and international security. In compliance with resolution 418 (1977) of the Security Council of the United Nations, the socialist German State does not maintain any political, economic, military or other relations to the apartheid régime. In the United Nations Organization, the German Democratic Republic has always persistently supported the demands for the elimination of apartheid and all forms of racial discrimination and worked towards the effective isolation of the racists. It will continue to do so.

The German Democratic Republic considers it imperative to strictly enforce the arms embargo imposed on South Africa, to extend it to all military sectors, and to agree upon coercive measures in the economic field in accordance with Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

The German Democratic Republic vigorously supports the request addressed to the Security Council of the United Nations to condemn any co-operation with the apartheid régime in the military or nuclear fields as a danger to peace and international security, and to take effective measures designed to prevent South Africa from gaining possession of nuclear weapons.

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of the German Democratic Republic
to the United Nations