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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to communicate to him the following statement of the Hungarian Government concerning the illegal proclamation of Southern Rhodesia as "Republic" by the white minority régime.

"The Racist White-Minority Régime of Southern Rhodesia has proclaimed the former British colony, Zimbabwe by its African name, a "Republic". The Southern Rhodesian Government of Ian Smith, enjoying the support of the imperialists quarters, has taken a new step, disregarding the fundamental human rights, against the people of Zimbabwe constituting an overwhelming majority of the population of the country. This action is proof of the endeavour of the White-Minority Régime to perpetuate the dispossession and exploitation of the people of Zimbabwe fighting for their freedom, independence and lawful rights.

"The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic most emphatically condemns the arbitrary and unlawful action of the racist minority régime of Southern Rhodesia, the proclamation of the 'Republic', which is diametrically opposed to the principles of the United Nations, to the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic does not recognize the unlawful steps of the illegal Smith régime, the proclamation of the 'Republic', and protests against its disregard of the rights of the people of Zimbabwe.

"It continues ensuring its solidarity and support to the long-suffering people of Zimbabwe in their strenuous and legitimate struggle against their oppressors."

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The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic requests that this statement of the Hungarian Government be circulated among Member States as an official document of the Security Council.

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic avails himself, etc.
