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MISSION OF THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connexion with his note FO 230 SORH (1-2) addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukrainian SSR, has the honour to state the following.

In conformity with its position of principle of supporting in every way the Zimbabwe people's struggle for freedom and independence, the Ukrainian SSR has repeatedly advocated the adoption by the United Nations of effective measures to bring an immediate end to the racist minority government in Southern Rhodesia and the transfer of full power to the elected representatives of the people of that country in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. In the light of this position, the Ukrainian SSR, as has already been stated in previous notes dated 31 January 1966, 9 February 1967 and 9 April 1968 from the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the Secretary-General, is unswervingly fulfilling the requirements of the Security Council's resolutions on Southern Rhodesia and has carried out in full the measures called for in resolution 253 (1968).

The Ukrainian SSR does not recognize the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia and has not had and does not have political, economic or other ties with it. In addition, it has no relations whatsoever with the main allies of the Southern Rhodesian racists - the Republic of South Africa and Portugal - which continue to maintain close all-round ties with the Salisbury régime in violation of Security Council decisions.

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The Ukrainian SSR fully shares the disapproval and censure expressed by the Security Council in its resolution 253 (1968) of those States that are not complying with their obligations under Article 25 of the Charter and continue to give active support to the Southern Rhodesian régime in defiance of the resolutions of the Security Council. It considers that the United Kingdom bears the fundamental responsibility for the situation in Southern Rhodesia and for depriving the Zimbabwe people of the opportunity to exercise its legitimate right to self-determination and independence. In addition, the Ukrainian SSR considers that the Governments of the United States, the Federal Republic of Germany and those States that continue in one form or another to maintain their economic, political and other ties with the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia bear a direct responsibility for the existence of that régime and are thereby depriving the Zimbabwe people of its legitimate right to independent national existence and development.

The position of the Ukrainian SSR on the question of Southern Rhodesia, as set out in the above-mentioned notes, remains unchanged. The Ukrainian SSR favours the unconditional granting of independence to all colonial countries and peoples, including the Zimbabwe people. It will continue in the future to give all possible support to the Zimbabwe people in their just struggle for national independence and freedom.
