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OF KENYA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to forward herewith communication No. MFA.232/394A/106 dated 27 July 1968 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations avails etc.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's communication ref. No. FO SORH (1-2) of 7 June 1968 requesting information on the measures taken by the Government of Kenya in implementing Security Council resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968.

In a communication to the Secretary-General which appeared as document S/7772 of 20 February 1967, the Government of Kenya detailed the steps it had taken to sever completely and totally all connexions with the racist minority régime of Rhodesia. These steps amounted in actual fact to self-initiated comprehensive mandatory sanctions on the fascist régime of Rhodesia and were taken long before the Security Council adopted resolutions first, on selective and later, on more comprehensive mandatory sanctions.

Immediately upon the illegal seizure of power in Rhodesia, the Government of Kenya found herself duty bound to take the following steps:

I. In the SPECIAL ISSUE OF E.A.C.S.O. Gazette Supplement No. 25 (Subsidiary Legislation No. 21), Legal Notices Nos. 108 and 109 dated 8 December 1965, the Government of the Republic of Kenya made the following two orders:

1. THE PROHIBITED EXPORTS (KENYA) ORDER, 1965

The exportation of any goods to, or any goods ultimately destined for, Rhodesia, including goods in transit, or for transshipment, or stores for any aircraft or vessel, is prohibited.

2. THE PROHIBITED IMPORTS (KENYA) ORDER, 1965

The direct or indirect importation into Kenya of any goods consigned from Rhodesia including goods in transit, or for transshipment, or stores for any aircraft or vessel, is prohibited.

These measures had an immediate effect and there has been no recorded trade whatsoever between Kenya and Rhodesia since January 1966.

II. The Kenya Government, through the Ministry of Finance, issued a NOTICE TO ALL BANKS, NO. EC 20/52/01 dated 27 November 1965 entitled EXCHANGE CONTROL - RHODESIA.

The NOTICE stopped all financial transactions with the illegal régime and include strict adherence to the prohibition of all payments and remittances to individuals in Rhodesia such as pensions, insurance premiums, etc.

III. The Government of Kenya has banned all communications channels with the fascist régime of Rhodesia including air services, telegraphs, telephones, teleprinters and radio-telephones. Travel documents issued by Rhodesia are not recognized and the holder of the régime's passport, or any proved resident, cannot be allowed to enter Kenya. All authorities overseas who issue visas for Kenya have strict instructions to withhold this facility from Rhodesians.

The Government of Kenya has pleasure in informing that the implementation of the above measures, which enjoy the full support of the people of Kenya, have been completely successful. Kenya stands ever ready to co-operate further with the United Nations to bring about the return of constitutionality to Rhodesia.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya would be grateful if the Secretary-General of the United Nations would have this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.
