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The Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the Secretary-General's note PO 230 SORH (1-2) of 7 June 1968, has the honour to forward herewith a communication dated 23 August from the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp.

The Permanent Representative of Canada would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have this communication circulated as a document of the Security Council.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note PO 230 SORH (1-2) of 7 June transmitting a copy of resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May whereby the Security Council adopted further measures against the illegal régime in Rhodesia. As was communicated to the Secretary-General in notes of 12 January 1966 (S/7082), 24 February 1966 (S/7164), 15 February 1967 (S/7747), and 21 February 1967 (S/7780), the Canadian Government acted promptly after the unilateral declaration of independence in Rhodesia by taking a series of measures against the illegal régime. These measures included the termination of Canadian economic aid to Rhodesia, the closing of the Canadian Government Trade Office in Salisbury, and progressive trade embargos. A complete ban on trade, with certain humanitarian exceptions, was imposed in February 1966 and remains in force. The Canadian Government also adopted regulations making illegal activities relating to the commodities sanctioned under the resolution of 16 December 1966, outside Canada by Canadian ships, aircraft and citizens. Canada is therefore already complying in several important respects with the Security Council resolution of 29 May.

The Canadian Permanent Representative told the Security Council when the resolution was adopted that implementation might require new regulations. This has been found to be so and their adoption will be communicated to the Secretary-General shortly.
