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NOTE VERBALE DATED 31 JANUARY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF AUSTRALIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's Notes PO 230 SORH (1) of 17 December 1966, and PO 230 SORH (1) of 13 January 1967, requesting information on the measures taken by the Australian Government in accordance with the provisions of resolution S/RES/232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia.

The requirements of the resolution were substantially met by action already taken by the Australian Government. This action is described in Security Council document S/7104 of 31 January 1966.

Imports into Australia of Rhodesian tobacco, ferro-alloys, chrome, and asbestos were banned in November and December 1965. These commodities accounted for about 93 per cent of Australia's imports from Southern Rhodesia.

The export from Australia to Southern Rhodesia of arms and military equipment was banned in November 1965.

Rhodesia has been excluded from the sterling area for the purpose of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations, and the transfer of funds from Australia to Southern Rhodesia has been made subject to controls.

The above action has been taken by means of regulations made under the Customs and Banking Acts.

In addition, it is pointed out that Australia does not export oil to Rhodesia but the Australian Government has agreed to co-operate in the oil embargo by preventing the possible shipment of oil by third parties through Australian ports.

Action is being taken to ban by regulations under the Customs Act the import into Australia of items listed in paragraph 2 (a) of S/RES/232 (1966) not already banned by previous action and it is expected that administrative procedures will be completed in the very near future. The Secretary-General will be further

informed when the necessary action has been completed. It should be noted that Australia does not import sugar, meat and meat products and hides, or skins and leather from Southern Rhodesia.

A ban has been applied to the export from Australia to Rhodesia of the items listed in paragraph 2 (e) of S/RES/232 (1966) (aircraft and motor vehicles and parts). The ban has been effected under the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations.

With reference to paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution S/RES/232 (1966), Australia does not render financial or other economic aid to the régime in Southern Rhodesia. (Information on this question was requested in the Secretary-General's note verbale PO 230 SORH (1) of 13 January 1967.)

The trade statistics requested by the Secretary-General in his note verbale PO 230 SORH (1) of 13 January 1967, will be provided as soon as possible.

The Permanent Representative of Australia would be grateful if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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