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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your note No. PO 230 SORH (1) dated 17 December 1966, requesting information on the measures taken by the Greek Government in accordance with the provisions of resolution S/RES/232 adopted on 16 December 1966 on mandatory economic sanctions against Southern Rhodesia.

In this connexion, may I recall that the Greek Government has already adopted a series of measures directed against the white minority régime of Ian Smith in Southern Rhodesia, in compliance with the Security Council resolution of 20 November 1965. These measures have been communicated to Your Excellency by notes of this Permanent Mission dated 2 December 1965, 24 March 1966 and 31 March 1966. My Government has prohibited, inter alia, the exportation of arms and ammunitions to Southern Rhodesia, the transportation of oil destined for Southern Rhodesia by Greek ships, and all commercial transactions between Greece and Southern Rhodesia.

Following the Security Council resolution of 16 December 1966, and Your Excellency's previously mentioned note of 17 December 1966, a special conference, attended by all competent authorities, was held at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in order to determine what further measures, in addition to the above, were necessitated by the resolution on mandatory sanctions. While the measures already adopted not only adequately ensured the implementation of the main provisions of the new resolution, but even exceeded them in scope, other provisions, it was ascertained, could only be fully complied with by passing new appropriate legislation.

I have been instructed to inform Your Excellency that this legislation is now under preparation, and that all steps are being taken in order to shorten the delays that are inherent in the technical implications of such procedure.

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I would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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