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UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your note No. PO 230 SORH (1) of 17 December 1966 on the question of Southern Rhodesia, addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Ukrainian SSR, I have the honour to make the following statement.

In its letter to the Secretary-General of 31 January 1966, the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR reaffirmed the position of the Government of the Ukrainian SSR, which does not recognize the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia and sides completely with the Zimbabwe people.

The Ukrainian SSR consistently and unswervingly defends the principles of the self-determination of peoples and in keeping with the provisions of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples completely supports measures aimed at the speedy removal of the Smith racist régime and giving genuine independence to the Zimbabwe people.

While the Government of the Ukrainian SSR is of the opinion that the Security Council's resolution of 16 December 1966 disregards a number of important demands of the African countries, it attaches great importance to the fact that for the first time economic sanctions, which under the Charter are binding on all States, are envisaged in the resolution.

The Ukrainian SSR invariably stands for the strict observance of the United Nations Charter. There cannot be the slightest doubt that it will scrupulously implement this resolution also.

At the same time the Government of the Ukrainian SSR strongly supports the view of the African countries that no resolutions of the United Nations regarding Southern Rhodesia can absolve the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, from responsibility for the present tragic situation in that country.

I shall be most grateful to you for the distribution of the text of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. SHEVCHENKO
