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LETTER DATED 14 FEBRUARY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF JAPAN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your note of No. PO 230 SORH (1) of 17 December 1966, addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, I have the honour to inform you of the following measures taken by the Government of Japan in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 232 (1966) on Southern Rhodesia.

I. Prior to the adoption of Security Council resolution S/RES/232 dated 16 December 1966, the Japanese Government had placed imports from Southern Rhodesia under the import licence system and since then there had been no importation from Southern Rhodesia of such commodities as tobacco, sugar, pig iron, iron ore, asbestos and chrome. As a result of these measures, imports from Southern Rhodesia into Japan, including even those which had been contracted for prior to the illegal declaration of independence, have been reduced practically to nil. Export of arms and ammunition, as well as oil and petroleum products, had also been embargoed.

II. The Japanese Government believes that the terms of resolution S/RES/232 in view of its mandatory nature under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter, should faithfully be implemented and, accordingly, it decided at a cabinet meeting on 23 December 1966 to take necessary measures for this purpose. In accordance with the above decision, the following steps have been taken:

(1) With regard to imports from Southern Rhodesia into Japan, it was decided that no import licence will be granted to copper, meat and meat products, hides, skins and leather, in addition to the commodities mentioned above, and consequently, imports of all commodities specified in operative paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (a), of resolution S/RES/232 have completely been suspended.

(2) With regard to exports from Japan to Southern Rhodesia, decision was taken not to grant export licence to military and non-military aircraft. Further,

a revision of the Export Trade Control Order was made on 26 December 1966 with an immediate effect so as to suspend the export of automobiles (including motorized cycles) as well as of their parts and accessories to Southern Rhodesia. In fact, the export of automobiles had been suspended since ten days before the above-mentioned revision was established.

(3) On 26 December 1966, the Ministry of Transportation took the necessary measures to stop the shipment in vessels or aircraft of Japanese registration (including those on charter to foreign companies) of any of the commodities specified in resolution S/RES/232.

(4) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs published for public attention the whole text of resolution S/RES/232 in the Official Gazette dated 28 December 1966. Moreover, the Ministry not only sent instructions to all Embassies and Consulates to the effect that Japanese nationals overseas should be made fully aware of the Council's resolution to prevent any violations but also took further measures to call the attention of nationals leaving Japan to refrain from any act which may infringe the resolution.

III. The Japanese Government has not given to Southern Rhodesia any financial or the other economic aid mentioned in operative paragraph 5 of resolution S/RES/232 and it has no intention of doing so in the future.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

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