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LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE NETHERLANDS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your notes of 17 December 1966 and 13 January 1967 addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and concerning resolution S/RES/232 (1966) adopted by the Security Council on 16 December 1966 on the question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia and I have been instructed by my Government to inform you of the measures taken by the Netherlands with a view to implementing this resolution of the Security Council.

I may recall that on 23 December 1965 I informed you that the Government of the Netherlands had decided not to recognize the illegal régime in Salisbury. A ban was placed on the exportation of arms, ammunition and other war materials to Rhodesia. A special licensing system was established for all imports from Rhodesia and for all exports from the Netherlands to that territory. As a result no permits were issued for the importation of Rhodesian tobacco, a product that made up more than 80 per cent of the total Netherlands imports from Rhodesia. A further result of the system was the cessation of the granting of permits for the exportation of crude oil and petroleum products from the Netherlands to Southern Rhodesia. The afore-mentioned measures were laid down in a provisional "Southern Rhodesia import-export decree" of 23 December 1965, which was subsequently confirmed in the "Southern Rhodesia import-export decree" of 4 July 1966. On the strength of these decrees it has been possible to give full and effective implementation to those provisions of resolution 232 concerned with trade.

Furthermore the provisions of the resolution dealing with transportation have been met by further measures of the Government of the Netherlands, undertaken in close co-operation with maritime and aviation companies.

The information requested by you on imports and exports of the commodities listed in operative paragraph 2 of the Security Council resolution will be submitted to you as soon as the pertinent statistical information is available.

The measures taken by the Government of the Netherlands in order to comply as fully as possible with the contents of resolution 232 apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe. Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles will independently take the necessary measures to implement the resolution in question.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) J.G. de BEUS
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands to the United Nations
