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

With reference to your Note PO 230 SORH (1) dated 17 December 1966 transmitting the text of Security Council resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

On 17 November 1965, the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations (document A/6110) that it would give its support to every measure adopted by the United Nations against the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia. After the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 217 (1965) on 20 November 1965, the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations (document S/7167) that it had not recognized the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, that it maintained neither diplomatic nor any other relations with it, and that it implemented the provisions of article 8 of resolution 217 (1965); it severed trade relations with Southern Rhodesia and did not support the latter by any kind of supplies either. On the basis of resolution 217 (1965) the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic undertook measures that constitute also the realization of requirements stated in the last decision by the Security Council of 16 December 1966. In this connexion, I should like to assure you that the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has fully associated itself with the position taken by the Council toward the question of Southern Rhodesia.

The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic considers important also that part of the resolution in which the rights of the people of Zimbabwe to freedom and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples have been reaffirmed and the legitimacy of the just struggle of the people of Zimbabwe to secure the enjoyment of their rights has been recognized. The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic fully recognizes and supports the demands of African countries in order that effective measures be taken for the elimination of the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia.

With reference to your Note TR 300 SORH, I have the honour to inform you also of the full support given by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to resolution 2151 (XXI) adopted by the General Assembly on 17 November 1966.

I should like to request you, Excellency, to have the text of this letter circulated to the States Members of the United Nations as an official document of the Security Council and of the General Assembly.

I avail myself, etc.,

(Signed) Dr. Milan KLUSAK
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and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
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to the United Nations
