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NOTE VERBALE DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF NIGERIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the latter's notes FO 230 SORH (1) of 17 December 1966, and FO 230 SORH (1) of 13 January 1967, addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria concerning Security Council resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, on the question of the situation in Southern Rhodesia, has the honour to advise, on the instructions of his Government, as follows.

It may be recalled that in his letter to the Secretary-General dated 22 November 1965, the Permanent Representative transmitted the text of an official statement made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria relating to the measures it had already adopted in protest against and towards frustrating the illegal declaration of independence by the racist minority régime of Southern Rhodesia. Excerpts of the statement read as follows:

"Nigeria wishes to state categorically that she stands by her obligations in Africa and will in collaboration with other member States of the OAU give every support to the nationalists of Southern Rhodesia.

"In addition to the non-recognition of the Ian Smith régime, Nigeria is taking the following measures with immediate effect:

"(a) No passport or other travel documents issued by the illegal régime will be recognized.

"(b) All economic relations with Southern Rhodesia are severed and her status as a member of the sterling area has, as far as Nigeria is concerned, lapsed.

"(c) Rhodesian accounts hitherto designated as scheduled territory accounts shall henceforth be designated 'Rhodesian Accounts' and blocked.

"(d) Planes going to or returning from Southern Rhodesia shall neither be allowed landing facilities nor be permitted to overfly the territory of Nigeria. The exception will be all aircrafts travelling in furtherance and with the aim of eliminating the illegal minority régime of Ian Smith.

"(e) Nigeria will give every possible assistance to member States of the OAU bordering Rhodesia to maintain their sovereignty and economic integrity in the event of any retaliation from the illegal minority white régime in Southern Rhodesia following any measures to be taken by African States."

In so far as economic, commercial, political and diplomatic relations between Nigeria and Southern Rhodesia are concerned, the measures outlined above which have continued to be observed fully and strictly cover the obligations and the terms of Security Council resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966. It will therefore be seen that the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has taken all necessary measures to impose a total and comprehensive ban on all trade between Nigeria and Southern Rhodesia.

The Permanent Representative will be glad if the text of this note may kindly be circulated to the Member States of the United Nations as an official document of the Security Council.

The Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the assurances of his highest consideration.
