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LETTER DATED 23 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you of the steps taken by the Netherlands Government following the unilateral declaration of independence in Southern Rhodesia.

In accordance with Security Council resolution No. 217 of 20 November 1965, the Netherlands Government have decided not to recognize the illegal regime in Salisbury; no documents issued by that regime will be recognized.

Furthermore, the Netherlands Government, in close co-operation with the Governments of Belgium and Luxembourg, have decided to establish a special licensing system for all imports from Rhodesia and all Netherlands exports to that territory. Under this system, no permits will be issued for the importation of tobacco purchased from Rhodesia. It may be added that more than 80 per cent of total Netherlands imports from Rhodesia have in the past consisted of tobacco so that other products are of relatively minor importance. Permits for the exportation of crude oil and petroleum products from the Netherlands to Rhodesia will equally be refused.

A ban has been placed on the exportation of arms, ammunition and other war materials to Rhodesia.

Credit insurance with respect to all import and export dealings with Rhodesia has ceased as from 18 November 1965.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Dr. J.G. de BEUS
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of the Netherlands to the United Nations

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