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LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF BELGIUM ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In your letters TR 300 SORH and PO 230 SORH (1) you were good enough to transmit to me the text of resolution 2022 (XX) adopted by the General Assembly on 5 November 1965, as also the text of resolution 217 (1965) adopted by the Security Council on 19 November 1965, concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia.

The Belgian Government is anxious to do everything in its power to support the action undertaken by the United Nations and has accordingly made the following arrangements:

At the diplomatic level, it is determined not to recognize the illegal Salisbury regime.

Furthermore, after consultation with its Benelux partners, it has decided:

- (1) To make all trade operations with Rhodesia, whether for exports or for imports, subject to licence;
- (2) To refuse to grant export licences for arms, ammunition, war matériel or petroleum products intended for Rhodesia;
- (3) To refuse to purchase any sugar or tobacco coming from that country;
- (4) To instruct its representatives at the Del Credere Office to refuse to cover risks in connexion with trade operations with Rhodesia.

I should be glad if you would kindly arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) C. Schuurmans
Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations

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