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NOTE VERBALE DATED 27 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in reply to his letters No. TR 300 SORH of 12 November 1965 and No. PO 230 SORH (I) of 29 November 1965 has the honour, on the instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Byelorussian SSR, to state the following.

The Byelorussian SSR, true to the principles of support for the national liberation movement and the elimination of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations, strongly condemns the declaration of the "independence" of Southern Rhodesia by the racist regime of Ian Smith and regards this unlawful act as yet another crime by the colonialists and racists against the peoples of Africa.

The Byelorussian SSR does not recognize the racist regime that has usurped power in Southern Rhodesia and will base its practical policy on the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on Southern Rhodesia, in particular Security Council resolution 217 (1965) of 19 November 1965 and General Assembly resolution 2022 (XX) of 5 November 1965, which are referred to in the above-mentioned letters by the Secretary-General.

The Byelorussian SSR, for its part, has no relations with the present unlawful authorities in Southern Rhodesia, does not give them any assistance or support and declares its full solidarity with the Zimbabwe people and its readiness to co-operate with the African countries in giving that people all possible support in their legitimate struggle for genuine freedom and independence.

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the text of this statement could be circulated to States Members of the United Nations as an official Security Council document.

