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The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the Secretary-General's notes TR 500 SORH and PO 230 SORH (1), of 12 and 29 November 1965, respectively, transmitting texts of General Assembly resolution 2022 (XX) and Security Council resolution 217 (1965) regarding Southern Rhodesia, has the honour to state the following:

The Government of Hungary has made it repeatedly clear that it fully recognizes the inalienable right of the people of Zimbabwe to freedom and independence.

The Government of Hungary deeply condemns the machinations of neo-colonialism in Southern Rhodesia and its attempt at the perpetuation of racial discrimination, and pledges its sympathy and solidarity to the African millions of Rhodesia in their struggle for genuine independence.

This position has been reiterated recently in the address of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, János Péter, to the Parliament on 28 January 1966 stating, among others: "We have welcomed and, through diplomatic channels, supported the actions of the Organization of African Unity against the unlawful and inhuman régime of Southern Rhodesia. We have urged that, by taking into account the demands of the African States, the colonial Power - the Government of the United Kingdom - facilitate the solution of this dangerous problem originated from the colonial system."

Hungary has maintained only very limited relations with Southern Rhodesia through the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization. In accordance with the decisions of the said organizations, the

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Hungarian Ministry of Transport and Communication ceased to maintain its telegraph, telephone and telex-services with Southern Rhodesia and the Hungarian Meteorological Office has discontinued sending its publications to Southern Rhodesia.

These actions clearly indicate that the Government of Hungary has carried out the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2022 (XX) of 5 November 1965.

It would be appreciated if this note were circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

The Permanent Representative of Hungary avails himself etc.

