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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1966 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF GREECE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In connexion with the item actually before the Security Council concerning the transport of oil to Southern Rhodesia and the involvement of Greek tankers in this issue, I would like to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the following:

The Greek Government, as you know, has taken measures which amounted to a full implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council 216 of 12 November 1965 and 217 of 20 November 1965. One of these measures has been the enacting of a Royal Decree by which Greek ships are forbidden to transport oil and petroleum products destined for Southern Rhodesia.

Upon information to the effect that the Greek tanker "IOANNA V" was sailing to Beira, presumably to discharge crude oil destined for Southern Rhodesia, the Greek Government took action to enforce the prohibition provided for in the said Royal Decree. This action resulted in the deletion on 5 April 1966 of the ship "IOANNA V" from the registry of the Mercantile Marine of Greece. So "IOANNA V" is no longer a Greek ship.

Further, the master of the ship has been referred to a disciplinary council for sanctions provided by Greek law.

In its efforts to face the situation, the Greek Government has exhausted all possible legal and practical means at its disposal.

Further, upon reports that another Greek ship, the tanker "MANUELA", carrying crude oil presumably destined for Southern Rhodesia, was sailing to Beira, the Greek Government's action resulted in the owners of the ship giving assurances that she will not sail to Beira.

I would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated immediately as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) A.J. PHRYDAS
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Greece to the United Nations