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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1966 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF VENEZUELA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your note PO 230 SORH (1) concerning Security Council resolution 217 (1965) of 20 November 1965.

The Government of Venezuela has always agreed with the resolutions which the General Assembly and the Security Council have adopted on the question of Southern Rhodesia. Venezuela recognizes, and has so stated in clear and precise terms, the inalienable right of the people of Zimbabwe to self-determination and independence. I am therefore pleased to inform you that, with the agreement of the Executive Cabinet, the Government of Venezuela will engage in no action which would assist or encourage the illegal minority regime in Southern Rhodesia, a regime which it will not recognize.

More particularly, it will not engage in the provision of any arms, equipment or military material and will not maintain any economic relations with the illegal minority government of Southern Rhodesia. Most especially, it will refrain from supplying oil or petroleum derivatives destined for that country so long as the illegal minority government continues there.

I request you to have this communication circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Pedro ZULOAGA
Acting Permanent Representative

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