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NOTE VERBALE DATED 21 FEBRUARY 1966 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour, with reference to note No. PO 230 SORH dated 29 November 1965 and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2022 (XX) and Security Council resolution 217 (1965) on Southern Rhodesia, to state the following by order of his Government:

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo sternly condemns the arbitrary and unilateral declaration of the independence of Southern Rhodesia by the racist minority which is in power.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in pursuance of the above-mentioned resolutions and in faithful observance of its obligations towards the peoples of Africa, has proclaimed the following boycott measures against the racist minority in Southern Rhodesia:

- (1) All vessels flying the Southern Rhodesian flag are prohibited from putting in at Congolese ports.
- (2) All aircraft flying to or from Southern Rhodesia are prohibited from using Congolese air space or aerodromes.
- (3) All nationals of Southern Rhodesia (except those opposed to the régime) are prohibited from entering Congolese territory, and all travel documents issued by the Salisbury régime are therefore declared null and void.
- (4) All exports of petroleum or petroleum products to Southern Rhodesia are prohibited.
- (5) The Democratic Republic of the Congo is ready to give every possible assistance to any members of the Organization of African Unity whose sovereignty

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or economic integrity may be jeopardized as a result of the sanctions which they have to take against the Salisbury régime.

The Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations would be grateful if the Secretary-General of the United Nations would have this Note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council and he avails himself, etc.