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LETTER DATED 15 MARCH 1966 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF ARGENTINA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to address Your Excellency in reference to our note of 18 January 1966^{1/} communicating the Argentine Government's decision to comply with General Assembly resolution 2022 (XX) and Security Council resolution 217 (1965) concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia.

To supplement that information, I am now transmitting to you the text of decree No. 1196 M.87 dated 18 February 1966, in which the Government of the Argentine Republic has declared economic relations with South Rhodesia suspended.

The text is as follows:

"Decree No. 1196 M.87

Buenos Aires, 18 February 1966

"Having seen:

"General Assembly resolutions 2012 (XX) and 2022 (XX) and Security Council resolution 217 (1965) on Southern Rhodesia, and

"Considering:

"That the Republic is a Member of the United Nations,

"That the Argentine delegation to the twentieth session of the United Nations General Assembly pledged its support to the resolutions of the General Assembly on Southern Rhodesia,

"That this faithfully reflected the traditional attitude of Argentina to such situations, which are incompatible with the principles of self-determination and equal rights for all peoples,

"That furthermore the Republic, at the Second Inter-American Conference, called for the adoption of a resolution, which was adopted by the said Conference, declaring that all racial discrimination was fundamentally repugnant to the feelings of justice of the peoples of America, and

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^{1/} A/6239-S/7094.

"That in view of the seriousness of the situation in Southern Rhodesia the obligations assumed must be discharged in full in order to affirm the humanitarian spirit of the Argentine Republic,

"The President of the Argentine Nation

"decrees the following:

"Article 1. Economic relations with Southern Rhodesia are declared suspended.

"Article 2. This decree shall be countersigned by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship and the Minister for Economic Affairs and signed by the Secretary of State for Trade.

"Article 3. This decree shall be made known, published and transmitted to the National Administration of the Official Registry for deposit.

(Signed)	ILLIA
(Countersigned)	M.A. ZAVALA ORTIZ
"	J.C. PUGLIESE
"	A. CONCEPCION"

The Argentine Government would be grateful if the adoption of this measure could be communicated to States Members of the United Nations. I should therefore like to ask you to have the text of this note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Raúl QUIJANO
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

