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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1966 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF BURUNDI ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to send you herewith the text of the measures taken by the Government of Burundi against the rebellious and racist regime of Rhodesia pursuant to resolution 217 (1965) adopted by the Security Council on 20 November 1965.

I should be obliged if you would circulate this document among the States Members of the United Nations as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Terence NSANZE
Ambassador,
Deputy Permanent Representative

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MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 024/817 OF 26 NOVEMBER 1965
IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade,

Having regard to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Burundi, especially article 55 thereof;

Having regard to the preamble of the said Constitution affirming its faith in the high dignity of the human person and its determination to guarantee fundamental human rights;

Faithful to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the Charter of the United Nations;

Having regard to the Act of 9 August 1963 to approve the Charter of Addis Ababa;

Having regard to the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, especially articles II and III thereof;

Having regard to Ministerial Order No. 020/320 of 9 November 1963 imposing sanctions against Portugal and South Africa;

Whereas Rhodesia, in contempt of the principles of the United Nations, has made a unilateral declaration of independence;

Whereas, despite solemn warnings, cautions and condemnation by the Conference of Heads of State and Government of OAU of the Rhodesian racist regime, the rebel Government of Rhodesia has usurped power for the benefit of the white minority;

Whereas this act constitutes an affront to humanity directed against Africa, a flagrant violation of the principle of the right of peoples to self-determination and of their right freely to shape their own destiny, and a serious infringement of democratic principles;

Considering that boycott measures, by way of comminatory sanctions, should be taken against the minority racist Government of Rhodesia;

Having regard to the welfare of Africa and to the gravity and urgency of the situation;

On the advice of all the Ministers in council assembled;

Hereby orders as follows:

Article 1

The Kingdom of Burundi refuses to recognize the puppet regime of Rhodesia. Accordingly it shall not establish any diplomatic, consular or other relations with the regime of Rhodesia.

Article 2

The Kingdom of Burundi undertakes to put an end to any economic and trade relations existing or in contemplation between the two countries. To that end it shall refrain from importing or exporting any products, merchandise or foodstuffs from or to Rhodesia.

Article 3

Access to the Kingdom shall be barred to all aircraft registered in Rhodesia; the ban shall apply to the freedom of overflight and the right to land of all aircraft bearing the markings, colours or national insignia of Rhodesia.

Article 4

Access to the territorial waters of Burundi shall be barred to all vessels wearing the Rhodesian flag. They shall in particular be denied the right of free entry and of forced entry into, and the right of mooring in, the inland waters and ports of the Kingdom.

Article 5

It shall be unlawful for any Rhodesian national to enter, stay in and travel in the territory of Burundi.

However, this prohibition shall not apply to the categories of persons specified below:

1. Rhodesian nationals who, on the date of entry into force of this Order, were properly settled in Burundi.
2. Such persons as may be fighting against the regime.

Article 6

This Order shall remain in force until such time as the rights of the African majority are recognized and restored in Rhodesia.

Article 7

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at Bujumbura, on 26 November 1965

(Signed) MANIRAKIZA Marc
Minister for Foreign Affairs and
External Trade

