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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIA  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to General Assembly resolution 2024 (XX) of 11 November 1965 and Security Council resolutions 216 (1965) and 217 (1965) of 12 and 20 November 1965, I have the honour to inform you of the steps taken by the Austrian Government following the unilateral declaration of independence by Southern Rhodesia.

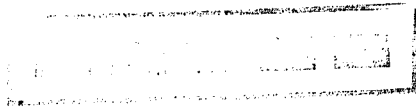
On 23 November 1965, the Austrian Council of Ministers decided not to recognize the new régime in Southern Rhodesia. The Austrian Government has also agreed with the Oesterreichische Tabakwerke AG., which holds a state monopoly on the imports of tobacco to Austria that this enterprise will not buy any tobacco from Rhodesia for the time being.

I would be grateful if this letter were circulated as official documents of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Dr. Kurt WALDHEIM  
Permanent Representative  
of Austria to the United Nations

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