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LETTER DATED 19 NOVEMBER 1965 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANISATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been requested by Mr. David A. Morse, Director-General of the International Labour Office, to deliver to you the following message dated 19 November 1965:

"The Governing Body of the International Labour Office has adopted unanimously and by acclamation today the following resolution concerning Southern Rhodesia:

"The Governing Body, disturbed at the situation created in Southern Rhodesia by the illegal Declaration of Independence,

"Considering that the purpose of this Declaration is to maintain the domination of a racist minority over the immense majority of the population;

"Considering that this situation constitutes a violation of the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the ILO Constitution and of the obligations arising from the International Labour Conventions applied to Rhodesia;

"Noting that the Security Council is considering as a matter of urgency appropriate measures to put an end to this situation;

"Conscious of the responsibility of the International Labour Organisation to promote respect for human dignity;

"Requests the Director-General:

(a) To inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the International Labour Organisation will do everything in its power to contribute in its own sphere to such action as may be decided upon by the Security Council;

- (b) To refrain from having any official or unofficial contact, direct or indirect, with the illegal regime in Southern Rhodesia;
- (c) To keep abreast of developments in the situation and to report to the Governing Body at its next session."

I would appreciate it very much if you would be good enough to distribute the text of this communication to all Member States of the United Nations.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) Philippe BLAMONT
Director

