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OF IRAN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to advise that the Government of Iran, in compliance with the Security Council resolution of 20 November 1965 on the question of Southern Rhodesia, and in particular its operative paragraph 8, which calls upon all States to impose, among others, "an embargo on oil and petroleum products" has instructed the oil exporting companies operating in Iran to refrain from the sale of oil to Southern Rhodesia.

It is of interest to note that this action reaffirms in deeds the Iranian Government's consistent and unwavering policy with regard to the question of Southern Rhodesia. This policy, which has been the basis of Iran's active support and sponsorship of the various resolutions adopted by the United Nations on this question, has once again been underlined in the Iranian Government's declaration of 1 November 1965. In that declaration the Iranian Government has once again reaffirmed its long-standing and unqualified support for the aspirations and legitimate rights of the indigenous population of Southern Rhodesia and stated that it would spare no effort, in co-operation with the large majority of Member States, to condemn and make ineffective a unilateral declaration of independence.

The Permanent Representative of Iran has the honour to request that this communication be distributed among Member States as a United Nations document.

