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OF GREECE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate the following statement which was made by a spokesman of the Greek Foreign Ministry concerning the question of South Rhodesia:

"The Greek Government has already officially stated that it does not recognize the unilateral declaration of independence of South Rhodesia. This position was taken immediately after the proclamation of independence by the Government of Mr. Ian Smith, and was dictated by the ideals of freedom and liberty that inspire the Greek people as well as by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The Greek Government could not but condemn a regime where the minority lords it over the majority of the people in contradiction to the rules of democracy.

The Greek consular authorities in South Rhodesia were instructed by the Greek Government to refuse recognition of passports issued by the Rhodesian Government after 11 November 1965.

The exportation of arms and ammunitions to South Rhodesia has been forbidden.

Other measures will be taken in the future if deemed necessary."

The Permanent Mission of Greece would be grateful if the Secretary-General would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council, and avails itself etc.

