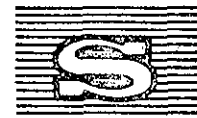


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NOTE VERBALE DATED 28 DECEMBER 1977 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW ZEALAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the attached note verbale from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary-General in response to the Secretary-General's Note PO 230 SOAF of 10 November 1977. The Permanent Representative has been instructed to request that the attached note be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note PO 230 SOAF of 10 November 1977 requesting information on the measures the Government of New Zealand has taken in accordance with resolution 418 (1977) of the Security Council to place an arms embargo on South Africa.

New Zealand has fully complied with previous Security Council resolutions calling on States to cease the provision of arms to South Africa. The Customs Export Prohibition Order 1971 which was enacted to give effect to resolution 282 (1970) prohibits the sale of arms and ammunition to South Africa, as well as banning the export of aircraft, vehicles and military equipment which could be used by military or para-military forces in that country. The main points of the latest resolution are therefore already in force in New Zealand's law.

In view of the existence of the 1971 Order New Zealand will need to make only minor adjustments to implement the Security Council's resolution. The most significant point not covered is the requirement to prohibit the granting of licences by New Zealand firms for the manufacture or maintenance of weapons, vehicles or equipment. The Deputy Prime Minister is pleased to be able to inform the Secretary-General that the preparation of appropriate legislation has commenced.

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