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TELEGRAM DATED 21 JUNE 1972 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL*

With reference to United Nations document S/10580 of 29 March 1972, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic takes occasion to reiterate the German Democratic Republic Government's full agreement with the measures adopted by the United Nations towards surmounting the oppression of the people of Zimbabwe. In its statements to the United Nations of 13 November 1965 and 21 January 1967, and in a telegram of 7 April 1966 from the German Democratic Republic Deputy Foreign Minister to the Chairman of the United Nations Committee on Decolonization, the Government of the German Democratic Republic made it crystal clear that it refused to give any recognition to the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia, which defies international law, and broke off all trading relations with it (see documents A/6300/Add.1/Part 1, paragraph 493, and S/7794). Faithful to its anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist policy, the German Democratic Republic has consistently complied with all Security Council decisions against the illegal Smith régime and has never given political, economic or financial assistance to the racists in Southern Rhodesia. Nor will it do so in the future. Decisions taken in this context by the German Democratic Republic Government are fully effective. In addition, the German Democratic Republic bodies concerned have been instructed, in keeping with the concrete undertakings called for in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Security Council resolution 253 (1968), to take the necessary action and see to their strict compliance. The Government of the German Democratic Republic wishes to reaffirm on this occasion that it advocates an unreserved implementation by all States of the sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council. Only in this way can real progress be achieved towards granting independence to the people of Zimbabwe. I request Your Excellency to have this statement circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Otto WINZER
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
German Democratic Republic

* Circulated at the direction of the President of the Security Council.