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The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connection with his note SCPC 2-2-3(84) of 7 November 1984, has the honour to state the following.

The Byelorussian SSR, firmly and consistently advocating the complete and final elimination of the remnants of colonialism and racism, vigorously condemns the inhuman policy and practice of apartheid being pursued by the colonialist and racist régime of South Africa against the overwhelming majority of the country's African population, and it has no political, economic, military or other relations with that régime.

The Byelorussian SSR supports all United Nations decisions relating to the struggle against the racist South African régime's policy of apartheid, which is a crime against mankind, irreconcilable with the norms and principles of the Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments of the law of treaties and which threatens international peace and security.

Guided by this position of principle, the Byelorussian SSR welcomed Security Council resolution 556 (1984) and actively supported the resolutions of the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session in which the Assembly condemned and rejected the political manoeuvring of the racist Pretoria régime in connection with the so-called "new constitution", which the General Assembly declared null and void.

The Byelorussian SSR condemns the policy and actions of the United States and other NATO countries, which are aimed at maintaining and increasing their co-operation with the racist South African régime in all fields and which interfere with international efforts to eliminate apartheid.

Since the Pretoria régime is not only continuing but in fact intensifying its policy of apartheid in South Africa, has not ceased its acts of aggression, destabilization and State terrorism against independent African States, is constantly increasing its military potential and is trying to acquire nuclear

weapons, all of which creates a direct threat to international peace and security, the Byelorussian SSR fully supports the demand of the African States that the Security Council should institute comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Byelorussian SSR believes that the United Nations must take tangible and effective steps to ensure the prompt implementation of its decisions concerning the policy and practice of apartheid in South Africa and must endeavour in every way to bring about the final elimination of that shameful phenomenon.

The Byelorussian SSR has provided and is providing the national liberation movements in southern Africa with support of every kind in their just and legitimate struggle.

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian SSR to the United Nations requests that this note should be circulated as a Security Council document.
