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The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connection with his note SCPC 2-2-4 (84) of 21 December 1984, has the honour to communicate the following.

Guided by its position of principle regarding the racist policy of apartheid pursued by the Republic of South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics maintains no economic, military or other relations with South Africa.

The USSR supported Security Council resolution 558 (1984), abides strictly by its provisions and accordingly does not import arms, ammunition of any type or military vehicles produced in South Africa. That resolution supplements previous decisions by the Security Council regarding the mandatory arms embargo against South Africa. It is extremely important in that connection to take specific and effective steps to eliminate existing loopholes in the embargo in order to make it as comprehensive as possible.

In view of the fact that the racist régime of South Africa threatens general peace and security, pursues a policy of aggression, destabilization and State terrorism against the independent States of that region, continues to build up its military capability and is trying to acquire nuclear weapons, the USSR continues to stress the urgent need for the Security Council to take all necessary measures to combat racism and apartheid in southern Africa.

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations requests that this note should be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

