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ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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 2-2-3 (84) of 7 November 1984 concerning steps taken by States to combat apartheid, has the honour to communicate the following.

The Soviet Union resolutely condemns the inhuman policy and practice of apartheid carried out by the racist régime of South Africa against the majority of that country's population, and maintains no relations with South Africa in the political, economic, military or other spheres.

Consistently following its fundamental foreign-policy line for the complete and final elimination of all forms and manifestations of colonialism and racism, the USSR supported Security Council resolution 556 (1984) and other decisions by the Council which state that the apartheid policy pursued by the Pretoria régime is a crime against humanity, is contrary to human rights, the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and constitutes a violation of international peace and security.

In accordance with this Security Council resolution and with resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, the Soviet Union condemns and rejects the political manoeuvring of the racist South African régime over the "new constitution", which has been declared null and void by the General Assembly.

The Soviet Union also condemns the course of the United States and other members of NATO towards the expansion of military and political support for the racist régime, as well as the United States policy of "constructive engagement" with the Pretoria authorities and its attempts to remove the South African régime from a position of political isolation.

Bearing in mind that South Africa is continuing a policy of apartheid, aggression, destabilization and State terrorism against independent sovereign

States of southern Africa, and is also building up its military potential and seeking to acquire nuclear weapons, the USSR supports the demand of the African countries for the Security Council to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter.

The Soviet Union has provided and continues to provide all-round support to the national liberation movements in southern Africa.

The USSR considers that it is the duty of the United Nations to promote in every way the implementation of the decisions taken by the Security Council and the General Assembly concerning the policy and practice of apartheid in South Africa and to work towards their complete elimination at the earliest possible date.

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