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The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and refers to the latter's note SCPC 2-2-4 (84) dated 21 December 1984 regarding Security Council resolution 558 (1984) on imports of arms from South Africa. The Permanent Representative of Sweden has the honour to inform him that the Swedish Government on 21 November 1983 issued an ordinance to prohibit the importing of military equipment from South Africa. The text of the ordinance is annexed to this note.

As far as the mandatory embargo of exports of arms to South Africa imposed by Security Council resolution 418 (1977) is concerned, the Permanent Representative of Sweden wishes to reiterate that, in accordance with their Joint Programme of Action against South Africa, Sweden together with the other Nordic countries works actively for strict compliance with and strengthening of the embargo. Sweden has strictly abided by, and through special legislation carried out, the provisions of Security Council resolution 418 (1977).

With regard to that resolution the Swedish Government proposed in a bill (1984/85:56) to the Parliament to extend the present Swedish legislation of prohibiting exports of war material also to cover data-processing equipment and related software, cross-country vehicles and fuel intended for the South African military or police authorities or for their account. The bill was adopted by the Swedish Parliament on 20 February 1985.

The Permanent Representative of Sweden has the honour to request that this note be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Ordinance to prohibit the importing of military equipment
issued on 21 November 1983

The Government prescribes the following.

Section 1

In this ordinance "Military equipment" is taken to be any of the goods listed in the annex to the ordinance (1982:1062) to prohibit the exporting of military equipment, etc.

Section 2

Military equipment which has been conveyed from South Africa may not be brought into Sweden without the permission of the Government.

Permission pursuant to the first paragraph is not required for the importing of firearms and ammunition of a kind such as is regulated in the Arms Act (1973:1176) or the ordinance (1949:3411) concerning explosive goods.

Section 3

Nor, without the permission of the Government, may military equipment such as is referred to in section 2 be taken charge of in the manner referred to in section 3, second paragraph, of the Customs Act (1973:670), be kept in a bonded warehouse or in a free port or be conveyed between localities within the customs area. The Act (1973:980) on the transportation, storing and destruction of goods, etc. subject to import controls is otherwise to apply.

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This ordinance, which is to come into force on 23 November 1983, is also to apply to uncleared equipment which entered the customs area before the ordinance came into force.
