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ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE IMPEDING
 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
 TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, SOUTH WEST
 AFRICA AND TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION AND IN ALL OTHER
 TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE
 COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Note verbale dated 15 February 1968 from the Permanent Mission of
 Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the President
 of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the General Assembly and in connexion with the note of the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America contained in document A/6985 of 11 December 1967 has the honour to state the following:

The representatives of the above-mentioned three Western Powers once again demonstrated their baseless position by refusing the international status of the German Democratic Republic, and as they did it in the past, advanced unfounded claims that the Federal Republic of Germany "is entitled to speak on behalf of the German people in international affairs". That can only be regarded as yet another expression of the policy of encouraging the militaristic and revanchist forces in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, as is well known, opposes any attempt to discriminate against the German Democratic Republic, either in the United Nations or elsewhere. The German Democratic Republic is a sovereign independent

State which consistently pursues a policy of peace, collective security in Europe and broad international co-operation. In exercising its sovereign rights, it maintains diplomatic, consular and official trade and other relations with numerous other States.

In view of these facts, the contents of the note from the three Western Powers, which is in contradiction with the provisions of the United Nations Charter, must be resolutely denounced.

The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations would be grateful if this note could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.
