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Note verbale dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Mission of
the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

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 of 15 August 1985, has the honour to inform him of the following.

The Byelorussian SSR, steadfastly pursuing its policy of principle in favour of the speedy and final elimination of the vestiges of colonialism and racism in all their forms and manifestations, resolutely condemns the racist régime of South Africa which is pursuing an inhuman policy and actions against the overwhelming majority of the African population of that country and committing perfidious acts of aggression, State terrorism and destabilization against neighbouring sovereign States.

The Byelorussian SSR supports the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations on issues related to the struggle against the policy of apartheid of the Pretoria régime, which is incompatible with the norms and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other international treaty documents, poses a serious threat to international peace and security and represents a crime against humanity.

The Byelorussian SSR supports the adoption of Security Council resolution 569 (1985), which strongly condemns the apartheid system, mass arrests and murders in South Africa and demands that the state of emergency in South Africa be lifted immediately and that all political prisoners be released unconditionally.

Guided by the above-mentioned decisions and recommendations of the United Nations and implementing them fully, the Byelorussian SSR has not maintained and does not maintain any relations with South Africa, be it in the political, economic, military or any other sphere.

The Byelorussian SSR condemns the policy of "constructive engagement" and close co-operation with the racist Pretoria régime pursued, in circumvention and violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, by the United States of America and its closest allies, which thereby encourage that régime to step up its repression and persecution of the opponents of racism in South Africa and to intensify its aggressive behaviour towards neighbouring States and its blatant disregard for United Nations resolutions and decisions. The Byelorussian SSR supports United Nations demands that the western Powers and, above all, countries members of the NATO bloc and their transnational corporations should immediately end their co-operation with the Pretoria régime, in particular their co-operation in the military and nuclear fields, and believes that the United Nations should take more effective measures to ensure the practical implementation of its resolutions on the policy and practice of apartheid in South Africa.

The Byelorussian SSR supports fully the demand of the African States and the appeal of the General Assembly to the Security Council that comprehensive mandatory sanctions should be imposed against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter.

The Byelorussian SSR supports the proposal that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples - which is being celebrated this year - should be marked by decisive action on the part of the entire international community aimed at the final and complete elimination of centres of colonialism, racism and apartheid.

The Byelorussian SSR reaffirms its solidarity and all-round support for the national liberation movements in southern Africa in their just and legitimate struggle.

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian SSR to the United Nations requests that this note be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.
