IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 12 November 1975 from the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mozambique to the Secretary-General

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to communicate to you herewith the text of a Joint Declaration of the Governments of Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Angola, Sao Tome and Principe and Mozambique, and of the ruling parties (PAIGC, MPLA, MLSTP and FRELIMO) emanating from the meeting held on 9 November 1975 in Lourenço Marques with regard to the question of Angola.

I shall be grateful if this Declaration is circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 49.

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ANNEX

Joint Declaration

A one-day meeting of CONCP (Conference of Nationalist Organizations of Portuguese Colonies), convened by MPLA, PAIGC, MLSTP and FRELIMO, was held on 9 November 1975 in Lourenço Marques. The meeting was attended by Samora Moises Machel, Chairman of FRELIMO and President of the People's Republic of Mozambique; Agostinho Neto, Chairman of MPLA; Jose Araujo, member of the Central Committee and the Political Bureau of PAIGC; and Leonel D'Alva, Minister of Economic Co-ordination of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, deputizing for President Manuel Costa Pinto. The following is the text of the final declaration of the CONCP meeting:

Representatives of member organizations of the Conference of Nationalist Organizations of Portuguese Colonies - namely, of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique - met in Lourenço Marques, capital of Mozambique, on 9 November 1975, at the invitation of Comrade Samora Moises Machel, Chairman of CONCP. The meeting was convened with the object of studying the grave problem resulting from the imperialist aggression against the Angolan people and their legitimate representative, MPLA, and to decide on the line of common action to be taken in solidarity within the framework of CONCP. Following a detailed report of the Angolan situation by the Chairman of MPLA, Comrade Agostinho Neto, and speeches by heads of delegations, it was unanimously decided:

1. That the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Cape Verde, the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe and the People's Republic of Mozambique - States led by the member-parties of CONCP - will, on it being so proclaimed by MPLA, recognize the independent and sovereign State of Angola, in its territorial entirety, and the government formed by MPLA;

2. Vigorously to condemn the imperialist aggression unleashed against the Angolan forces by the lackeys of imperialism, namely South Africa. This aggression is aimed at putting at stake the total and complete independence of Angola, won through 14 years of struggle and sacrifice of the Angolan people, led by MPLA. It is also aimed at blocking the process of the development of the national liberation struggle in Africa, and at destroying the secure rearguard of this combat, represented by African progressive States. It is, therefore, aggression against Africa as a whole;

3. To denounce the attempt at the recolonization of Angola, carried out by the Portuguese reactionary forces, represented by the so-called Portuguese Liberation Army. In this context, to denounce
also the use by the puppet organizations, composed of Angolan traitors on the payroll of imperialism, and of Portuguese and other mercenary forces;

4. To condemn the conduct of the Portuguese Government in Angola's decolonization process, which created the conditions paving the way for the occupation of parts of the territory by foreign forces, thereby constituting complicity in the aggression against the Angolan people;

5. To reaffirm the solidarity and total support for the party and the struggle of the Angolan people, led by MPLA, a solidarity founded on the identity of ideas and political objectives, forged between PAIGC, MLSTP, MPLA and PRELIMO, in the long process of the common struggle against colonialism and imperialism;

6. To call on all peace and freedom-loving nations and all democratic forces of the world to recognize the sovereign State of Angola, its government and its vanguard, MPLA, and to support, with all means, the Angolan people's struggle for the defence of their independence and territorial integrity and their right to progress and peace.

Lourenço Marques, 9 November 1975