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SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE
TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 7 October 1970 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to make reference to the special programme of activities in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960).

The delegation of Portugal had opportunity at the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly to declare that Portugal would not participate in the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of that resolution, stating the reasons that motivated that stand, as is verified from the record of proceedings contained in document A/PV.1821 of 4 December 1969. For all relevant purposes, I should like to reiterate those reasons, although I abstain from repeating them here.

Accordingly, and in order to make clear any doubts that may subsist concerning the Portuguese position on this subject, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, in conformity with instructions received from my Government, the delegation of Portugal is not participating in any of the activities of this Organization which may be directly connected with the commemoration of the tenth

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anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1514 (XV), and that my Government reserves the right not to contribute to any expenses that may come to be approved during the same.

I would appreciate it if Your Excellency would direct that this letter be published as a document of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

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