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LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1969 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE), CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF), DAHOMEY, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NIGER, NIGERIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, AND ZAMBIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The African States, acting on behalf of their respective Governments, have the honour, by this letter, to support the request for the convening of the I Security Council made by the Permanent Representative of Senegal following the recent deliberate violations of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Senegal by Portugal (document S/9513 of 27 November 1969).

In doing so, the African States consider that they are not only complying with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity but are also demonstrating their active solidarity with the sister Republic of Senegal at a time when it is experiencing loss of life and considerable damage as a result of shelling by the regular Portuguese Army. This, to be sure, is unfortunately not the only act of aggression by Portugal against an African State. As early as 1963, Senegal was attacked. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Guinea have experienced and are still experiencing acts of aggression against their territory. The Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), too, has very often been the victim of shelling by Portugal. The United Republic of Tanzania has experienced attacks on its territorial integrity as a result of acts of aggression by Portugal. All these facts are known to the members of the Security Council, which has already adopted resolutions condemning Portugal for its attacks against these African territories.

The request by the African States for the convening of the Security Council was made in accordance with the Charter of the OAU, which places an obligation

on all member States to "promote the unity and solidarity of the African States" and "to eradicate all forms of colonialism from Africa".

Senegal has been attacked because it has complied with the Charter of the OAU and because it has, like all African States, carried out the resolutions of the OAU and the United Nations which condemn Portugal for its refusal to grant the right of self-determination to the African peoples under its domination.

Africa therefore feels concerned at the constant threat posed by the regular forces of the Portuguese Army in its war of reconquest in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau). At its numerous meetings, the Organization of African Unity has, by overwhelming majorities, consistently condemned the defiant attitude adopted by the fascists in Lisbon notwithstanding the resolutions adopted by both the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations.

The OAU has felt and continues to feel concerned at the threats and acts of aggression constantly committed by Portugal against the African States bordering on the Territories which are under Portuguese domination.

The African States, in reiterating their confidence in the Security Council, express the hope that that important body will be able to meet the situation and take the necessary action to put an end to these acts of overt aggression, thereby acting in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) The representative of Algeria  
The representative of Cameroon  
The representative of the Central African Republic  
The representative of Chad  
The representative of the Congo (Brazzaville)  
The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
The representative of Dahomey  
The representative of Ethiopia  
The representative of Gabon  
The representative of Ghana  
The representative of Guinea  
The representative of the Ivory Coast  
The representative of Kenya  
The representative of Lesotho  
The representative of Liberia  
The representative of Libya  
The representative of Madagascar  
The representative of Mali  
The representative of Mauritania  
The representative of Mauritius  
The representative of Morocco  
The representative of the Niger  
The representative of Nigeria  
The representative of Rwanda  
The representative of Senegal  
The representative of Sierra Leone  
The representative of Somalia  
The representative of the Sudan  
The representative of Togo  
The representative of Tunisia  
The representative of Uganda  
The representative of the United Arab Republic  
The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania  
The representative of the Upper Volta  
The representative of Zambia

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