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LETTER DATED 5 DECEMBER 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ZAMBIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am instructed by my Government to bring to your attention the most recent acts of Portuguese colonialist aggression on Zambian territory.

In this connexion, I wish to report that on 21 November 1966 armed units of Portuguese military forces operating in the colonial Territory of Angola crossed the border into the Republic of Zambia to attack Zambians in the peaceful villages of Musala and Chingi; the former village was attacked with shells, hand grenades and other small arms, one house was totally destroyed by fire, others were damaged, and a villager was shot and seriously injured.

My Government views this latest outrage of the Portuguese colonialists with the utmost gravity, especially since it is a repetition of similar violations of Zambian territorial integrity and sovereignty by the same authorities along the same area of the border. You would no doubt recall my note dated 25 July 1966, circulated as document S/7430.

These aggressive acts of the Portuguese colonialists in Angola are increasing along our common border and are causing a continuous source of turmoil and instability, and are no doubt threatening the peace and security not only of Zambia alone but of Africa as a whole. I wish to reiterate that should these provocations continue unabated Zambia would be compelled to take appropriate defensive measures to repulse the aggressors.

I should be most grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) J.B. MWEMBA
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Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Zambia
to the United Nations