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TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

During the 1676th meeting of the Security Council on 21 November 1972, the representative of Cuba, speaking on the item "Question concerning the situation in the Territories under Portuguese administration" tried to insult my country with his usual irresponsible remarks.

2. I do not believe that it is necessary to reply to such provocations, prompted as they are solely by interests of political and ideological propaganda.

3. As to his vituperations on the motives of the visit recently made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil to Africa, a continent to which we feel ourselves so closely linked by historical, ethnic and cultural ties, I would only direct the attention of the Security Council to the joint ministerial declarations, press communiqués and cultural, commercial and technical agreements concluded on the occasion of that visit. The context of these documents and the official and popular friendly manifestations that welcomed the presence of the Brazilian Foreign Minister in nine African countries, are the very evidence that belies the slanderous allegations of the Cuban representative.

4. ~~As the facts speak for themselves, I will not respond to any other~~
provocations of Ambassador Alarcón on this matter.

5. I shall be grateful if this letter can be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sérgio Armando FRAZAO
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to the United Nations
