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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Note verbale of 5 May 1977 from the Permanent Mission of Chile
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to his note No. 200(1) of 17 March 1977, in which he invited the Government of Chile to participate in the International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia to be held at Maputo, Mozambique, in accordance with resolution 31/145 of the most recent session of the General Assembly.

In this connexion, the Permanent Mission of Chile wishes to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Chile has decided not to participate in the Maputo conference.

The Government of Chile has been obliged to take this decision because of the offensive terms used by Mr. Samora Machel, President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, the country which will be host to the Conference, in referring to the Government and President of the Republic of Chile. Those terms are to be found in document A/32/70, of 27 April 1977.

The decision of the Government of Chile not to participate in the Maputo Conference in no way signifies that it is not concerned with the problems of decolonization in southern Africa. On the contrary, the important part played by Chile in the process of decolonization carried out by the United Nations, which is reflected in its active participation in the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and in the United Nations Council for Namibia, constitutes irrefutable and continuing evidence of the importance which the Government of Chile attaches to this matter.

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The Permanent Mission of Chile regrets that States Members of the United Nations should use the official documentation of the General Assembly to disseminate insults to the Head of State of another country which is a Member of the United Nations, a procedure which is not in conformity with the minimal norms of international coexistence.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Permanent Mission of Chile requests the Secretary-General to have this communication reproduced in extenso and circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 24 of the preliminary list.
