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Note verbale dated 8 September 1967 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Acting Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note TR 300 PORTE of 19 December 1966 concerning General Assembly resolution 2184 (XXI) on the question of Territories under Portuguese administration, has the honour to inform him that the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic supports the measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first session reaffirming the right of the people of Territories under Portuguese administration to freedom and independence; measures whose implementation is most urgent and which permit no delay include, in particular, provisions contained in paragraph 8 of that resolution. In this connexion, the Acting Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations recalls his answer to the note of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, PO 210 PORT/1, dated 3 December 1965 (S/7340), in which it has been stated that the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic never granted and does not grant Portugal any military nor other assistance, and that it does not supply the latter either with arms and military equipment or other materials cited in paragraph 6 of resolution 218 (1965).

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic associates itself with the appeal of the General Assembly that Portugal should immediately apply, in Territories under its

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administration, the principle of self-determination in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and with Security Council resolutions 183 (1963) and 218 (1965), respectively. The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic also shares the stand of the General Assembly that condemned Portuguese colonial policy and activities of financial monopolies in those Territories, which exploit human and material resources there and prevent the people in the Territories from proceeding towards freedom and independence.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic will continue to give its active support to the effect that inalienable rights of the people of Territories under Portuguese administration to self-determination and independence be immediately brought into life.

The Acting Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic would be grateful to the Secretary-General if he would have the text of this note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.
