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Letter dated 24 July 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Zambia
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit hereunder the text of a statement issued on 16 July 1973 by the Government of the Republic of Zambia in connexion with Portuguese atrocities in Mozambique:

"A few days ago the world learnt of the shocking news of the massacre in December last year of innocent civilians in Mozambique by the ruthless fascist Portuguese soldiers. The reaction of the international community to this tragedy has been clear and unequivocal in its condemnation of this barbaric massacre.

"What is even more tragic is that the incident is not an isolated one, but this has been the sad experience of the people of Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Bissau ever since they declared their open opposition to Portuguese colonialism.

"The Party, Government and people of Zambia, conscious of their responsibilities to their brothers and sisters in the unliberated areas, fully support them in their just struggle for independence and majority rule. They are proud of the humane qualities demonstrated time and again by the manner in which FRELIMO leaders have cared for the Portuguese prisoners of war.

"We are convinced that under the present leadership of the liberation movements in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Bissau, even after independence, these areas will enjoy racial harmony as is presently the case in other independent African States.

"In reiterating our support for our brothers and sisters in Mozambique, we would like to condemn in no uncertain terms the dastardly murders perpetrated by the Portuguese fascists and their collaborators.

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"We echo our support for those of our fellowmen and women in Britain who are opposed to and are demonstrating against the visit to Britain of that fascist Marcello Caetano.

"We appeal to the international community, and in particular to Portugal's supporters in NATO, to do everything in their power to eradicate Portuguese colonialism immediately and without compromise.

"We wish our brothers and sisters in Mozambique a speedy victory."

I should be grateful if you would arrange to circulate the statement as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) P. J. F. LUSAKA
Permanent Representative
