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Note verbale dated 1 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to submit herewith a communication regarding the recent attack in Maputo by South Africa (see annex).

The Permanent Representative requests that this document be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 33, 73, 131, 133 and 140 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communication issued at Maputo on 29 May 1987 regarding an attack by South Africa

A South African commando team murdered three Mozambican citizens in a raid perpetrated today in the city of Maputo. The attack, which occurred in the early hours of Friday, 29 May 1987, was made against four houses situated in the Sommershield and Polana urban areas.

Two of the victims were a Mozambican couple who lived in a residence on Armando Tivane Avenue. The third was a guard of a house of South African refugees in transit, situated on Mateus Sansão Mutemba Avenue. The offices of the African National Congress (ANC) in the urban area of Sommershield were also attacked. The last target was the residence of a Tanzanian citizen on Julius Nyerere Avenue; only material damages occurred in this attack.

Information gathered by AIM (Mozambican Information Agency) indicates that th attacks were carried out simultaneously by four groups of attackers using passenge cars. Eyewitnesses reported to AIM that one member of the group that attacked the residence on Mateus Sansão Mutemba Avenue spoke Portuguese, ordering the people present to abandon the place because they wanted to "work".

The vehicles used by the attackers were either abandoned or destroyed on the beach, and they escaped by sea.

The Mozambican authorities are investigating the circumstances of the aggression. This is the first South African direct aggression against Mozambique since the signing of the Nkomati Accord three years ago.