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

I have the honour to convey the following message to you from the Secretary-General, Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers' Conference, New Delhi:

"Excellency,

I have the honour to convey to you the following message on behalf of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned countries currently meeting in New Delhi.

The Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned countries meeting in New Delhi strongly condemns the aggression by a group of commandos from the racist régime of South Africa against Matola, a settlement in the outskirts of Maputo, the Capital of the People's Republic of Mozambique.

The target of the commandos was three residences of South African refugees. Eleven refugees as well as an expatriate Portuguese serving in Mozambique were assassinated by the attackers.

The barbarous aggression on the part of the minority South African régime is part of an imperialist plan intended to weaken, terrorize and unsettle the independent States of Southern Africa and to divert attention from the explosive internal situation in South Africa, the sole cause of which is the disgraceful policy of apartheid.

In the days following the attack, the Government of Mozambique reported a growing concentration of South African troops and combat equipment near its border and systematic and frequent violations of Mozambique's air space. South Africa has also withdrawn South African citizens in Maputo, which indicates that it is preparing attacks on a large scale, with incalculable consequences, and that a situation of declared or undeclared war is becoming acute.

With arrogant insolence, the authorities of Pretoria acknowledged responsibility for the aggression that had been perpetrated and threatened the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique for having accepted South African refugees on its territory and for implementing the United Nations

resolution condemning apartheid. There is no doubt that the racist régime feels itself encouraged by the increasing support it receives from its allies.

The Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned countries condemns the criminal acts that have been committed and reports the dangerous situation for the independence, territorial integrity and security of Mozambique that is represented by the atrocious acts of the South Africa régime.

The Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned countries give notice that they will fulfil their obligations of solidarity with the frontline States and solemnly reaffirm that Mozambique will not stand alone against the military escalation practised by the racist régime in Pretoria. They appeal to all States to increase their financial and material assistance to the frontline States in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity with regard to strengthening the defensive capacity of those countries.

The Conference appeals to the United Nations and to world public opinion to adopt energetic and immediate actions to prevent such acts of aggression, which threaten peace and security in the region and the world.

(Signed) Secretary-General  
Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers' Conference,  
New Delhi"

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. V. PURUSHOTTAM  
Acting Permanent Representative

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