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Letter dated 25 March 1976 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of two messages, one from President Boumediène, President of the Council of the Revolution and President of the Council of Ministers (annex I) and the other from Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, member of the Council of the Revolution and Minister for Foreign Affairs (annex II) addressed respectively to all the Heads of State and Government and to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the non-aligned countries concerning the situation resulting from the decision taken by Mozambique to impose sanctions against Southern Rhodesia in strict application of the relevant decisions of the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of these two messages to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 85 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) F. BOUAYAD-AGHA  
Deputy Permanent Representative

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ANNEX I

Message from President Boumediène, President of the Council  
of the Revolution and President of the Council of Ministers  
addressed to the Heads of State and Government of the  
non-aligned countries

On 3 March 1976, the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique took the historic decision to put an end to all exchanges with the racist colonialist régime in Salisbury by closing its frontiers with Rhodesia. This is a substantial contribution to the acceleration of the process of liberation of the fraternal people of Zimbabwe since it creates serious difficulties for the illegal Salisbury régime. This measure is all the more commendable in that it demands enormous sacrifices of the Mozambican people and has a direct and immediate effect on the economy of a country which is still suffering from the after-effects of a long period of colonialist exploitation.

Although it is aware of the particularly serious consequences of this decision for the security and economy of Mozambique, the Mozambican Government, faithful to the traditions of the anti-colonialist struggle of its people, has not hesitated to assume a responsibility which must be shared by the international community as a whole since it derives from the many resolutions of the United Nations relating to the problem of Zimbabwe.

The non-aligned countries, one of whose fundamental aims is to put an end to any form of domination, must give support and practical assistance to the People's Republic of Mozambique in its heroic act, which does honour to the defenders of just causes. I am convinced that the traditional solidarity of the non-aligned countries will manifest itself once again on this occasion to ensure the success of the struggle undertaken by the Mozambican people, who seek to bring about the realization of this priority objective of non-alignment and the elimination of colonialism and racism.

Houari BOUMEDIENE  
President of the Council of the Revolution  
and President of the Council of Ministers,  
Current President of the Group of  
non-aligned countries

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ANNEX II

Message from Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, Member of the Council of the  
Revolution and Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressed to the  
Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the non-aligned countries

I have the honour to draw your attention to the particularly difficult situation with which the People's Republic of Mozambique is faced as a result of its courageous decision to put an end to exchanges of any kind with the illegal minority régime in Salisbury.

This measure, which will strike a serious blow at the illegal régime of Ian Smith, is one which is likely to accelerate the process of liberation of Zimbabwe and imposes very heavy sacrifices on the Mozambican people. The damage done to the economy of Mozambique by this decision must be alleviated by the practical solidarity of the international community, in particular of the non-aligned countries, since the action taken by Mozambique is in conformity with the relevant decisions and resolutions of both the United Nations and the fourth summit Conference of the non-aligned countries.

It is therefore a responsibility which is incumbent upon all countries which love peace and justice. I am convinced that it will find expression in assistance and effective support to help the fraternal people of Mozambique to survive this test.

Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA  
Member of the Council of the Revolution  
and Minister for Foreign Affairs

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