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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 21 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a Declaration issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique regarding the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. May I request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) José Carlos LOBO
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE DENOUNCES ZIONIST INVASION

- DECLARATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Through a Declaration issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mozambique rejected yesterday the zionist aggression undertaken by Israeli against the Palestinian and Lebanese people with the complicity of imperialism. The above-mentioned document states as follows:

It is with great concern that the People's Republic of Mozambique follows the last developments of the situation in the Middle East. Israeli undertook an invasion of great extent against Lebanon where it carries on a genocide war with a view to exterminate the arab people of Palestine and put to an end the existence of Lebanon as a free and sovereign Republic.

In this criminal action, Israeli mobilized more than 120,000 men, hundreds of airplanes and warships, an inestimable number of military units and mass destruction weapons.

The anexation of Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel, the recent anexation of the Golan Heights in Syria, the attack at nuclear installations of Tamuz in Iraq and the recent spreading of war to other regions of Lebanon, demonstrates the expansionist intentions of Israeli as well as the direct complicity of imperialism from which Israel is the most important detachment in the region.

This action constitutes a proof of an arrogant contempt and the challenge of Israel and imperialism to the will and efforts of the international community for the implementation of a genuine and lasting peace in the region.

The People's Republic of Mozambique:

- Condemns the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the genocide actions it perpetrates against the Palestinian people.

- Demands the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from the Lebanese territory and cessation of the invasion

and occupation of this country,

- Denounces and condemns the direct complicity of imperialism in the pursuit of the bellicose and expansionist policy of Israel which constitutes a form of systematic terrorism of state.

- Reaffirms that a just solution in the Middle East problem will be achieved only by the withdrawal of Israel from all the arab occupied territories and the recognition of the inalienable rights of the palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian State under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, PLO, its sole and legitimate representative.

- Appeals to the international community and to the progressive and peace loving forces to close their ranks, to harmonize and intensify efforts in order to stop Israeli's continuous attack and massacre of the Palestinian and Lebanese people.

The People's Republic of Mozambique appeals that the Resolutions on the Middle East adopted by the United Nations, by the League of Arab States, by the Organization of African Unity, and by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries be respected and implemented.

The struggle continues (A Luta Continua!)

Maputo, 17 June 1982
