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Letter dated 27 August 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the enclosed communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the latest in a series of armed attacks and violations of our territorial integrity, perpetrated by the apartheid régime against my people and country, the People's Republic of Mozambique.

Your Excellency must have gathered information from the international press that South Africa has launched lately a sinister campaign with the aim of demoralizing and subverting the independence of the People's Republic of Mozambique and destroying the economy of the country.

The present armed attack is an extension of the cowardly and criminal attacks at Matola on 30 January 1981 and at Ponta de Ouro on 17 March 1981.

With the painful experience of Lebanon and the situation in southern Angola still vivid in our minds, we cannot help but view with seriousness such an armed aggression and violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity committed by the forces of the apartheid régime on 22 August 1982.

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However, it is our profound hope that you and the entire international community will do everything within your powers to prevent South Africa from repeating such actions which could endanger peace and security in the southern Africa region.

I would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 33, 58 and 80 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) José Carlos LOBO
Ambassador
and
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mozambique

At 1:00 in the early morning of August 22, 1982, a group of commandos of the South Africa army estimated to be 50 in number, entered the Mozambican territory in the bordering region of Namaacha, in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Mozambique. This aggression has resulted in the following:

- The assassination of a citizen of Portuguese nationality who had been rendering service in Mozambique.
- The assassination of two civilian citizen of Mozambique.
- The kidnapping of three other Mozambican civilians.
- Looting and destruction of properties belonging to the victims.

This act of aggression perpetrated by the armed forces of the South Africa regime proves once again that in the Southern Africa region, the fundamental cause of the persisting climate of tension, instability and insecurity rests in the murderous and aggressive rampage of the apartheid regime. This violation constitutes a flagrant violation of the most elementary norms of international law and a grave threat to the peace and security of the people and countries of the region as well as to the peace and freedom-loving people.

The People's Republic of Mozambique is convinced that His Excellency will do his best in order that the Pretoria regime will put an end to its destabilizing acts against the People's Republic of Mozambique.
