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Letter dated 24 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement concerning recent developments in my country as a result of the South African stubbornness and obstinacy in an attempt to invade the People's Republic of Mozambique.

These South African manoeuvres have led not only to a deterioration of relations between Mozambique and South Africa but also to the violation of the most elementary norms of international coexistence and neighbourliness and jeopardize the lives and property of our people.

At the request of my Government, I would be most grateful if you could have the text of the statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 58, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) José Carlos LOBO
Ambassador
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According to a note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique learned through the media that an armed attack took place on 11 November 1982 against the South African military headquarters in Komatipoort located near the border of the People's Republic of Mozambique.

The South African propaganda machine has been stating that the armed attack would have been undertaken by persons residing in the People's Republic of Mozambique. This is not a new campaign. It has been frequently used during the last months.

In intensifying this campaign, South Africa intends to prepare psychologically the international public opinion for a military aggression against the People's Republic of Mozambique.

Thus it is understood that parallel to these allegations is the massive concentration of troops and military equipment of the apartheid régime in the frontier of the People's Republic of Mozambique.

It is a fact then that there is an eminent threat of South African military aggression against our country.

The People's Republic of Mozambique vigorously denounces and condemns these aggressive preparations which constitute a grave threat to the peace and security in the region and in the world.

Once again the People's Republic of Mozambique appeals to the Secretary-General and to the international community to do their best in order to impede these continuous acts of destabilization and aggression against our country.
