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LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1969 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i.  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the Security Council, that I be allowed to participate, without vote, in the current Council meeting convened at the request of the Republic of Senegal as reproduced in document S/9513 of 27 November 1969.

We have, in fact, just experienced yet another act of aggression by the fascist Portuguese Government against our national sovereignty. A few days ago two Guinean frontier villages were shelled repeatedly by the regular Portuguese Army.

Portugal regularly commits acts of provocation against the independent African States which it regards as its neighbours. The Republic of Guinea has more than once been the victim of heinous and criminal acts of aggression on the part of Portuguese colonialism. The Government of the Republic of Guinea had occasion to speak of the persistence of such aggression at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Head of the Guinean delegation referred at that time to the death and detention of Guinean citizens, as well as the seizure of a Guinean aircraft by Portugal.

The most recent Assembly of Heads of States of the Organization of African Unity, having been duly informed of the heinous crimes committed by Portuguese colonialism against the Republic of Guinea, adopted a resolution (CM/Res.201 (XIII)) in which it strongly condemned those crimes and asked that every action be taken to put an end to the criminal activities of the Lisbon régime. The General Assembly of the United Nations endorsed that condemnation in its resolution 2507 (XXIV), in which it, too, condemned these shameful activities of Portugal. Portugal has accordingly responded to all these condemnations with the recent shelling of the two above-mentioned frontier villages, thereby once again defying morality and international law.

My Government reserves the right to request the convening of the Council at a later date.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Mamady Lamine CONDE  
First Secretary  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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