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LETTER DATED 18 JULY 1969 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, CAMEROON, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE), CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF), DAHOMEY, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA, KENYA, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MORCCCO, THE NIGER, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, THE SUDAN, TANZANIA, TCGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UPPER VOLTA AND ZAMBIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The African States, acting on behalf of the Organization of African Unity, have the honour herewith to support the request for a meeting of the Security Council which the Permanent Representative of Zambia has addressed to you as a result of the recent calculated violations of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Zambia by Portugal (document S/9331, dated 15 July 1969).

In so doing, the African States are not only complying with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, but are also demonstrating their active solidarity with the sister Republic of Zambia at a time when it is suffering serious loss of human life and material damage as a result of barbarous bombing attacks by Portuguese mercenaries. Unfortunately, this is not by any means the only aggression by Portugal against an African State. Aggression was committed against Zambia in 1966, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Guinea have experienced and are still experiencing acts of aggression on their territory. The Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) has also been subject to bombing attacks by Portugal on many occasions. The United Republic of Tanzania, too, has had its territorial integrity violated as a result of Portuguese aggressions. All these facts, Mr. President, are well known to members of the Security Council who have already adopted resolutions condemning Portugal for its aggressions against these African territories.

The request by the African States for a meeting of the Security Council is based on the charter of the Organization of African Unity which obliges all member States "to promote the unity and solidarity of the African States" and "to eradicate all forms of colonialism from Africa".

Aggression has been committed against Zambia because it has complied with the charter of the Organization of African Unity and because, like all African States, it has implemented the OAU and United Nations resolutions condemning Portugal for refusing to accord the right of self-determination to the African peoples under its domination.

Africa is therefore concerned at this perpetual threat posed by the Portuguese mercenaries in their war of re-conquest in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau). At its many meetings the Organization of African Unity has, in the most authoritative terms, always condemned the attitude of defiance displayed by the Lisbon fascists in spite of the resolutions adopted both by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations.

The Organization of African Unity has been and still is preoccupied by the threats and acts of aggression constantly perpetrated by Portugal against the African States bordering on the territories under Portuguese domination.

The African States, in reiterating their confidence in the Security Council, hope that this important body will be able to deal with the situation and take the necessary measures to put an end to these characteristic aggressions, thereby acting in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) The representative of Algeria
The representative of Cameroon
The representative of the Central African Republic
The representative of the Congo (Brazzaville)
The representative of the Congo (Democratic Republic of)
The representative of Dahomey
The representative of Equatorial Guinea
The representative of Ethiopia
The representative of Gabon
The representative of Ghana
The representative of Guinea
The representative of Kenya
The representative of Liberia
The representative of Libya
The representative of Madagascar
The representative of Mali
The representative of Mauritania
The representative of Mauritius
The representative of Morocco
The representative of the Niger
The representative of Rwanda
The representative of Senegal
The representative of Sierra Leone
The representative of Somalia
The representative of the Sudan
The representative of Tanzania
The representative of Togo
The representative of Tunisia
The representative of Uganda
The representative of the United Arab Republic
The representative of Upper Volta
The representative of Zambia
