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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring the following facts to your attention:

On 23 June 1968 aircraft of the Portuguese air force operating in Angola bombed the village of Yongo (Central Kongo Province) three kilometres from the Angolan frontier. Apart from the considerable damage caused to houses, two inhabitants were seriously wounded.

This is the third of a series of aggressive acts which the Portuguese colonialist military forces have committed against the Democratic Republic of the Congo during the past few weeks. Twenty-seven persons were killed the first time, and eighteen the second time.

These continued acts of provocation and aggression by the Portuguese authorities constitute a violation of the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions and of the basic provisions of the United Nations Charter. It is to be hoped that the Governments whose assistance is enabling Portugal to maintain on the frontiers of the Democratic Republic of the Congo an anachronistic colonial situation that has been described as a threat to international peace will realize the seriousness of their responsibility for the death and suffering of so many citizens.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I should be grateful if you would bring these facts to the attention of members of the Security Council and arrange for this letter to be published as a United Nations document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Théodore IDZUMBUIR
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative