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LETTER DATED 6 MARCH 1967 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i. OF  
PORTUGAL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit, under instructions from my Government, the text of a letter addressed to Your Excellency by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, dated 4 March 1967, which is duly accompanied by an English translation:

"Mr. Secretary-General:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of and to thank for Your Excellency's letter of 17 February 1967, in reply to those which I addressed to you on the 3rd of the same month. I take note of the view which you reiterate considering that it is the Security Council that is competent to state a position concerning the politico-legal questions raised by the Portuguese Government in its prior notes and concerning the indemnification, which, in terms of Article 50 of the Charter, is due because of losses suffered in 1966 by the Province of Mozambique as a result of the decisions taken by that organ of the United Nations against Rhodesia.

I wish to inform you that the Portuguese Government understands and respects the position taken by you in this matter and declares that in consequence it will await the meetings of the Security Council concerning the problem of Rhodesia in the conviction that, as is also the opinion of Your Excellency, that organ will not fail to debate and resolve the important questions raised.

I will thank you very much to direct that this letter be circulated among the Members of the Security Council as a document of the Council on the usual terms.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

sd) Franco Nogueira  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal"

I avail myself, etc.

(Signed) António PATRICIO  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.