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LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your note of 3 December 1965 to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR, transmitting the text of Security Council resolution 218 (1965) on the situation in the Portuguese colonies, under the terms of which all States are invited to submit information on the measures taken by them to give effect to the resolution, and in particular to its operative paragraph 6, the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations has the honour to state the following.

The Soviet Union, in accordance with its principle of giving all possible support to colonial peoples striving for their freedom and independence, voted for Security Council resolution 218 of 23 November 1965 on the situation in the Portuguese colonies and firmly supports all the provisions of that resolution with a view to securing the immediate implementation of the principle of self-determination and the right to independence of the peoples still under the Portuguese colonial yoke.

The Soviet Union does not have either diplomatic or consular or economic relations with the regime of the Lisbon colonialists and it goes without saying that it has never supplied the Portuguese Government with any weapons or military equipment or with the means of producing or servicing them, nor has it ever given Portugal aid of any other kind.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) N. FEDORENKO

