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The Permanent Representative of India presents his compliments to the Secretary-General, United Nations, and has the honour to refer to his letter (P.O.210/PORT(1)) on the question concerning the situation in Territories under Portuguese administration.

The Government of India has always vigorously opposed the colonial policies of Portugal and has rendered all help to the people of these Territories in their legitimate struggle for freedom and independence. The question of our rendering any assistance to the Portuguese authorities does not arise as the Government of India has no diplomatic or commercial relations with Portugal. The Government of India has already taken necessary steps to carry out the provisions of the resolution adopted by the Security Council on 23 November 1965, especially paragraph 6.

It is the earnest hope of the Government of India that all States would take immediate and adequate action to put an end to Portuguese colonialism.

This communication may kindly be circulated as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

The Permanent Representative of India avails himself, etc.

