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OF NIGERIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary-General's letter No. FC 210/PORT (1) of 3 December 1965, transmitting to the Nigerian Minister of External Affairs the text of resolution S/RES/213 (1965), adopted by the Security Council on 23 November 1965 on the question concerning the situation in Territories under Portuguese administration.

The Nigerian Government wishes to assure the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it has not, and will not under circumstance, offer the Government of Portugal assistance, moral or material, which will enable it to continue its criminal repression of the people of the Territories under its domination. In keeping with Nigeria's uncompromising attitude towards the out-dated Portuguese colonialism and imperialism, the Government of Nigeria has adopted various measures of economic, diplomatic and political character against Portugal. These include closing of Nigerian seaports and airports to Portuguese ships and aircraft. Portuguese aircraft are banned from overflying Nigerian territories. Nigeria has no diplomatic and consular relations with Portugal. Since April 1964, the Nigerian Government has accorded formal recognition to the Provisional Government of Angola-in-Exile headed by His Excellency Mr. Holden Roberto in contradistinction to the so-called Portuguese Government in Angola.

In various international conferences, the delegation of Nigeria have vigorously supported the expulsion of the representatives of Portugal from such conferences because of her colonial policy which violates both the spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations Organization.

The Permanent Mission of Nigeria will be glad if this note may be kindly circulated as a document of the Security Council.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nigeria avails himself of this opportunity, etc.

