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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1963 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

..... I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the resolution on Territories under Portuguese administration adopted by the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples at its 142nd meeting on 4 April 1963 (A/AC.109/38). Operative paragraph 5 of this resolution requests the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the immediate attention of the Security Council and to transmit to the Council the records of the debate on this question in the Special Committee.

The records of the debate on this question are contained in documents A/AC.109/SR.124 to 130 and SR.139 to 142.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) U Thant  
Secretary-General

Text of the Resolution

The Special Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1699 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 1742 (XVI) of 30 January 1962, 1807 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962 and 1819 (XVII) of 18 December 1962,

Having regard to the fact that the General Assembly in resolution 1807 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 noted with concern that the policy and acts of the Portuguese Government with regard to the territories under its administration have created a situation which constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security and that in resolution 1819 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 it expressed the conviction that the colonial war being carried on by the Government of Portugal in Angola, the violation by that Government of the Security Council resolution of 9 June 1961,<sup>1/</sup> its refusal to implement the provisions of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and its continuous refusal to implement resolutions 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1603 (XV) of 20 April 1961, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1742 (XVI) of 30 January 1962, constitute a source of international conflict and tension as well as a serious threat to world peace and security,

Having considered the situation in the territories under Portuguese administration in the context of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly asked the Special Committee in paragraph 8 (d) of its resolution 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962 "to apprise the Security Council of any development in these territories which may threaten international peace and security",

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the Security Council, Sixteenth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1961, document S/4835.

Deploring the refusal of the Government of Portugal to accept the invitation of the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples to attend its meetings,

Noting with regret the rejection by the Government of Portugal to receive a Sub-Committee of the Special Committee to discuss the implementation of all resolutions relative to Portuguese territories, in particular resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling particularly that in paragraph 8 of resolution 1807 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 the General Assembly requested the Security Council "in case the Portuguese Government should refuse to comply with the present resolution and previous General Assembly resolutions on this question, to take all appropriate measures to secure the compliance of Portugal with its obligations as a Member State", and that in paragraph 9 of resolution 1819 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 it requested the Security Council "to take appropriate measures, including sanctions, to secure Portugal's compliance with the present resolution and with the previous resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council",

1. Notes with deep regret and great concern the continued refusal of the Government of Portugal to co-operate with the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions relating to the territories under its administration; and

2. Notes further that the Government of Portugal has not only taken no steps to comply with the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council, but, on the contrary, has continued its repressive measures against the indigenous population by the use of military and other forces;

3. Condemns very strongly the attitude of Portugal as contrary to its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations;

4. Decides therefore to draw the immediate attention of the Security Council to the present situation with the view to its taking appropriate measures, including sanctions, in terms of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 1807 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 1819 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, to secure compliance by Portugal of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the immediate attention of the Security Council and to transmit to the Council the records of the debate on this question in the Special Committee.

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