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Letter dated 14 June 1977 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic on 7 June 1977 in connexion with the recent act of aggression committed by the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia against the People's Republic of Mozambique.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this statement as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 92 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) G. NYAMDO  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of the Mongolian People's Republic  
to the United Nations

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Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the  
Mongolian People's Republic on 7 June 1977

The illegal racist régimes have recently been intensifying their aggressive actions against the independent States of Africa and have even launched armed attacks which are endangering peace and tranquillity on the African continent. The leading Western Powers and the racist régimes are acting as a group in order to perpetuate the racist and colonial structures in South Africa and to preserve them as the buttresses of the forces of imperialism and neo-colonialism in that strategically important part of the world.

The new aggressive act committed by the Rhodesian illegal racist régime against the People's Republic of Mozambique, an independent sovereign State of Africa, shows how adventurist the policy of the racist and neo-colonialist forces is becoming. The other day large contingents of Rhodesian troops invaded the territory of Mozambique and, using heavy artillery and bombers and napalm and fragmentation bombs, attacked positions of the national armed forces of Mozambique in the region of the provinces of Gaza and Tete. These barbarian raids inflicted suffering on peaceful inhabitants and damaged civilian targets. The national liberation forces of Mozambique commendably defended the inviolability of the territory of their homeland and, responding to the aggressors' attack, drove them out of the Republic. The criminal actions of the Salisbury régime are clearly designed to exert pressure on the People's Republic of Mozambique and on its people, who are actively and solidly supporting the people of Zimbabwe and Namibia in their struggle for national liberation. In addition, these aggressive acts are part of the imperialist and neo-colonialist policy of undermining and eliminating progressive régimes on the African continent. These attempts are also illustrated by the military preparations being made by the imperialist and reactionary forces against Ethiopia, the transfer of armed groups to the territory of Ethiopia and the intensification of support for the separatist and counter-revolutionary elements that are undermining the progressive achievements of the Ethiopian people.

The Mongolian People's Republic considers that the armed attacks by the Rhodesian racists are a flagrant breach of international law and that their brazen statements that they will continue their criminal actions represent a serious threat to peace and security in Africa and are fraught with dangerous international consequences. The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic is of the opinion that the increasingly frequent armed aggression by the Salisbury régime against Mozambique is part of a broad imperialist plot designed to obstruct a truly just settlement of the Rhodesian question, to undermine the liberation struggle of the peoples of southern Africa and to destroy the growing unity of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia with the People's Republic of Mozambique and other progressive anti-colonial régimes on the same continent.

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The Mongolian people, together with all progressive forces in the world, strongly condemn the armed attack by the Rhodesian racists on the People's Republic of Mozambique and the aggressive policy of the imperialist Powers towards the independent States of Africa, and demand the immediate cessation of the acts of aggression against Mozambique and other African countries. The Mongolian people and Government express full support for and solidarity with the friendly Mozambican people and Government in their struggle to consolidate the sovereignty and independence of their homeland and to build a new life in a free land of Mozambique. They also express their solidarity with the peoples of Africa fighting for freedom, national independence and social progress.

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