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LETTER DATED 18 AUGUST 1965 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In connexion with your circular letter of 7 July 1965 concerning the resolution on the territories under Portuguese administration adopted on 10 June 1965 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, the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations has the honour to state the following:

The Soviet Union consistently upholds the principle of granting self-determination to the peoples still living under colonial oppression and strongly favours the immediate and universal implementation of the General Assembly's Declaration on 14 December 1960 on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.

As far as the territories under Portuguese rule are concerned, Soviet representatives at sessions of the General Assembly and at meetings of the Security Council and the Committee of Twenty-Four have, as you are aware, invariably called for an end to the Portuguese colonialists' cruel repression of the indigenous population of their colonies, for halting deliveries of arms and military equipment to Portugal as well as any other assistance used by the Portuguese Government to wage colonial wars, and for the immediate granting of independence to the peoples of the territories under Portuguese rule. The Soviet Union voted, in particular, for the resolution of the Committee of Twenty-Four to which you refer in your letter.

The Soviet Union vigorously supports all the provisions of this resolution; its attitude towards the struggle being carried on by the peoples of the

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territories under Portuguese rule is based on its fundamental policy of giving all possible support to colonial peoples fighting for their freedom and independence.

The Soviet Union does not have diplomatic, consular or economic relations with Portugal. Needless to say, the Soviet Union has never supplied and is not now supplying the Portuguese Government with arms or military equipment, and it has never provided Portugal and is not now providing it with any other assistance, including assistance which can be used by that country to carry out repressive measures against the peoples of the territories under Portuguese administration.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter issued as an official document of the General Assembly and the Committee of Twenty-Four.

(Signed) P. MOROZOV
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to the United Nations
