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Letter dated 20 July 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit hereunder the text of a statement issued on 18 July by the Government of Ghana in connexion with Portuguese atrocities in Mozambique:

"The Government of Ghana has learnt with horror and dismay of the massacre of innocent Africans including women and children by the Portuguese colonialists in Mozambique and of the indiscriminate bombing of villages by the Portuguese Airforce in Guinea Bissau. These barbarous acts are an affront to all human decency and civilized behaviour. It should now be clear to all that the Portuguese colonialists will stop at nothing to advance their criminal objectives and they deserve the full condemnation of the international community. We once again call on members of NATO to refrain from giving moral and material support to Portugal which alone enables her to carry on such barbarous acts.

"The Government of Ghana fully supports the freedom movements in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Bissau and, in line with its declared policy, will continue to extend all material and moral assistance to them till victory, which will surely be theirs, is achieved."

I should be grateful if you would arrange to circulate the statement as an official document of the General Assembly.

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Representative

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