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COMMITTEE

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TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE

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LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF ELEVEN (11) HELD IN KINSHA-
SA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

By Mr. Paulo Jose Gumane
(President) on behalf of
The Mozambique Revolutionary
Committee (C O R E M O).

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Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, friends and brothers in the struggle for the liberation of Africa, allow me on behalf of the Central Committee of the Mozambique Revolutionary Committee (CCREMOC) and its Supreme High Command to congratulate you on the success of convening this session of the African Liberation Committee and to wish you success in all your bid to liberate the remaining African countries still under the yoke of colonial domination.

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, friends and brothers, the year 1967, will be an important landmark in the history of the African liberation movement and the entire Continent of Africa, the national liberation movements are determined more than ever before to fight imperialist and colonialist forces in all the dependent countries. Our movement would like to assure Your Excellencies that it will do everything in its power to intensify the armed revolution in Mozambique. Like all the revolutionary and progressive national liberation movements, we believe very strongly that the liberation of the unliberated countries of Africa will be accelerated by the materialisation of the principles of the Organisation of the African Unity's Charter (C.A.U.). We are sure that if lip service is not paid the principles of the C.A.U. will be of great help to the liberation movements.

Nevertheless, our organisation is determined to continue fighting the Portuguese colonial forces in Mozambique; guided by the spirit of self-reliance. We have managed to score one victory after another, and gloriously to control the political consciousness of our people in all the areas where we have been operating and we even went to the extent of disrupting the moral and the economic position of the enemy. The physical requirements of our liberation struggle today are mainly involving military activities and tremendous resources of a different nature because the enemy we are fighting has highly militarised our Country. To meet these requirements we have appealed again and again to your Committee for assistance, but we are sorry to say that up to now we have never had a favourable reply. Taking into account our difficulties, we have been encountering as Freedom Fighters both at home and abroad, we have not been worried but inspired by the solidarity of the anti-imperialist forces in Africa, Asia and Latin America and other progressive movements throughout the world which are scoring glorious victories against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism; we were able to defy ^{hardship} and all the difficulties we have been facing.

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, friends and brothers, faced with such a terrible situation we are left with no other alternative but to stress to you that we badly need your assistance.

Our organisation, which is one of the liberation movements of Mozambique spearheading the armed struggle, appeals for the below listed items which are of great importance for our struggle:-

- a) Formal and unconditional recognition of our Movement.
- b) Moral support.
- c) Arms and ammunition.
- d) Financial assistance.

Coremo, as any other liberation movement in Africa, feels that it has every justification to appeal for assistance to Your Committee not only because we are a nationalist movement, but because we are engaged in active struggle against the Portuguese fascist regime which has for centuries dominated and suppressed our people.

Mr. Chairman, it is not our intention to force Your Committee to assist us but we are sure as we have already said above that we have every justification to ask for help from you. Our experiences with the rest of the national liberation movements in Africa and your Committee of eleven (11) makes it bold enough for us to appeal for assistance. We are sorry to say that since the formation of our organisation, Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, friends and brothers you have tried to segregate and neglect our appeals as if we have not been and are not fighting. This is lamentable, but we are sure that not long from now you will reconsider your decision not to recognize our movement.

Lastly, Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, friends and brothers, allow me on my behalf and on behalf of the members of the Central Committee and the Military High Command of Coremo to congratulate, through you, His Excellency the Honourable General Joseph Mabutu the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Government and the people of Congo for taking all the sacrifice in giving a terrible blow to the fascist regime of Portugal by severing diplomatic relations with that that country and also for making this meeting a success. Our organisation is confident that the Democratic Republic of Congo under the able leadership of His Excellency General Mabutu will play a very important role in the liberation of the still dependent countries in Africa.

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies friends and brothers, kindly accept on my behalf and on behalf of the Central Committee and the Military High Command of Coremo our revolutionary best regards and compliment of the season.

LONG LIVE AFRICAN UNITY

LONG LIVE AFRICAN SOLIDARITY.

Note/ Please see attached document on activities of coremo inside Mozambique.