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COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE
"MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE"

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P.O. Box 1493,
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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE 6th SESSION OF
COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS -- ADDIS ABABA (ETHIOPIA)

Your Excellencies, Honourable Distinguished Guests and
Brothers in Struggle for Africa emmancipation.

On behalf of the COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE (COREMO), I
have been directed to petition this distinguished gathering in connection
with the decision that was taken by the Eleven (11) Nations African
Liberation Committee at its 8th Session in Dar-es-Salaam.

At this session it was resolved that the Committee only recognise
the MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT (FRELIMO), in Mozambique and that the
Committee will render all its assistance to that organization, our
Provisional Action Council at the advise of its Military leaders, the
exploited and suffering millions of our people, after considering the
grave and explosive situation and taking into account the strategical,
tactical problems facing the National Liberation Struggle of our country
(COREMO), feels that the decision to recognise ONE MOVEMENT in Mozambique
is detrimental to our revolutionary armed struggle. Henceforth (COREMO)
has every justification to seek recognition by the Eleven(11) Nations
African Liberation Committee which is the only body that has to direct
the struggle for liberation in the still dependent countries.

Your Excellencies, Honourable distinguished guest and brothers in the
struggle for Africa's emmancipation, COREMO feels that this distinguished
gathering must consider our petition for recognition, because we have
started the armed struggle and since we started our armed struggle we
did not get assistance of any sort from the Committee, but through our

own initiative, courage, determination and through our spirit of defying hardships for the liberation of our dear oppressed people we went inside the country, and from 21st October to 23rd December 1965, we have annihilated more than 58 (fifty Eight) Portuguese troops and wounded many others in the areas of ZAMBUE, ZUMBO, FINGOE TETE, and MANICA SOFALA districts. During all our operations we captured many war materials which have helped us and which are still in use by our guerrilla forces inside the country.

As a result of all these operations, the Portuguese retaliated by massacring indiscriminately men, women and children and about 20,000 to 25,000 people have been left homeless after their villages were burned by the Portuguese troops, and all what these people could do was only to follow our guerrillas in the mountains and at the same time over 6,000 others crossed the boundaries into the Republic of Zambia.

Faced with this situation of not only fighting against the Portuguese colonialism, but also taking care of the living of over 20,000 to 25,000 people now taking refugees in the jungles and mountains and expanding our armed revolutionary struggle in Mozambique our Provisional Action Council has decided to send this delegation to petition and at the same time to appeal for your co-operation.

Your Excellencies, Honourable distinguished guests in the struggle for the emancipation of Africa, we are sure that you will do all your best to deal with our question with justice and deep consideration in relation to the struggle in the still dependent countries, because we feel we have every justification to receive, for recognition by the Committee.

On behalf of our Provisional Action Council, the Military Committee of our Movement and the millions of our oppressed people, we wish this distinguished gathering all success in all its deliberations for the consolidation of Unity amongst the African Independent Nations, serving the face of Africa from neo-colonialism and strengthening the progressive forces for the liberation of our dear beloved continent.

Yours in the bitter struggle for
liberation of Africa.

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(PAULO JOSE GUMANE)
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