

PROCLAMATION TO THE MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE

MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE

In September 1962 the Congress of the MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT (FRELIMO) affirmed unanimously the will and determination of the Mozambican people to fight by any and all means for the achievement of their National Independence.

During the past two years FRELIMO never ceased to work for the attainment of that goal.

FRELIMO tried, through peaceful means, to convince the colonial-fascist government of Portugal to give satisfaction to the fundamental political demands of the Mozambican people.

FRELIMO constantly made known to Pan-African, Afro-Asian and world organizations the situation in which the Mozambican people live, and denounced the crimes of colonialism in Mozambique.

As a result, not only the Mozambican people, but also the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations and, in general, world public opinion condemned the criminal policy of the Portuguese government.

In spite of this, Portuguese colonialism continues to dominate our country. The riches of our country and the work of the Mozambican people continue to be exploited by the Portuguese colonialists and their imperialist allies. Our brothers are daily murdered for participating actively in the struggle for the liberation of our country. The prisons are full of patriots, and those who are still free live in uncertainty of what the next day will bring. The PIDE increases the number of its agents, and perfects its methods of torture. The Portuguese army is being reinforced and constantly increases its potential in men and war material; and the "Psycho-Social" continues its campaign of deceiving the Mozambican people.

MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE,

FRELIMO always carried on its work in order to assume completely its responsibilities as the leader of the revolution of the Mozambican people.

Therefore, concurrent with its peaceful efforts, FRELIMO prepared itself to face the eventuality of an armed struggle.

Today, faced with the constant refusal of the Portuguese government to recognise our fight to Independence, FRELIMO again declares that armed struggle is the only way for the Mozambican people to achieve their aspirations of Liberty, Justice and Social Well-Being.

MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE,

Workers and peasants, workers on the plantations, in the timber mills and in the concessions, workers in the mines, on the railways, in the harbours and in the factories, intellectuals, civil servants, Mozambican soldiers in the Portuguese army, students, men, women and young people, patriots,

IN THE NAME OF ALL OF YOU

FRELIMO TODAY SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMS THE GENERAL ARMED INSURRECTION OF THE MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE.

Our fight must not cease before the total liquidation of Portuguese colonialism.

MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE,

The Mozambican revolution, the work of the Mozambican people, is an integral part of the struggle of the people of Africa and of the whole world for the victory of the ideals of Liberty and Justice.

The armed struggle which we announce today, for the destruction of Portuguese colonialism and of imperialism, will allow us to install in our country a new and popular social order. The Mozambican people will thus be making a great historical contribution

toward the total liberation of our continent and the progress of Africa and the world.

MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE,

In this decisive hour in the history of our country, in which we have unanimously decided to take up arms to confront Portuguese colonialism, FRELIMO is sure that each Mozambican will fulfill his duty.

We must continually reinforce our unity, the union of all Mozambicans without any distinction, from Rovuma to Maputo.

We must consolidate more and more our Organization, we must always act in an organized way.

Everywhere FRELIMO will always be present and ready to direct the struggle.

We must be firm, decided and implacable with the Portuguese colonialists.

We must be firm, decided and implacable with those who collaborate with Portuguese colonialism, with the agents of the PIDE and with all traitors to our people and our country.

UNITED WE SHALL WIN!

INDEPENDENCE OR DEATH!

MOZAMBIQUE WILL WIN!

LONG LIVE FRELIMO!

LONG LIVE MOZAMBIQUE!

LONG LIVE AFRICA!

25th September 1964

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE