

COMMUNIQUE

The Central Committee of FRELIMO met in ordinary session from 11th to 21st April, 1969, to study the problems of our Struggle for National Liberation, and to formulate directives for their solution.

In particular, the Central Committee analysed the latest events which have affected the life of our organisation and which culminated in the murder of Comrade Eduardo C. Mondlane, President of FRELIMO.

Through an historical analysis of the leadership of FRELIMO, the Central Committee was able to weigh the incomparable qualities as leader of Comrade Eduardo Chivambo Mondlane -- the direction of the Struggle under his great wisdom since the founding of FRELIMO until his savage assassination -- and the vast dimension of the vacuum created by his absence.

In addition, the Central Committee analysed in detail, in a study of the general situation of FRELIMO, the divergent lines which have developed within the leadership concerning the concept of the process of the people's Armed Struggle. Those divergencies were the subject of profound debate of clarification, which culminated in the elimination of erroneous conceptions in the political line to be followed by FRELIMO.

The Central Committee concluded that it was necessary to establish a collective leadership, able to assure the efficient direction of our organisation and principally to ensure the dominance of the political line correctly defined by the Second Congress of FRELIMO.

The Central Committee decided that the Presidency of FRELIMO will be contained by a collective organ composed of three members, elected by the Central Committee and called the Council of the Presidency.

Comrades Uria Timoteo Simango, Samora Moises Machel and Marcelino dos Santos were elected by the Central Committee for the Council of the Presidency.

The Council of the Presidency will assume the functions attributed to the Presidency in the Statutes of FRELIMO (No. XIV of the Statutes of the Presidency of FRELIMO); namely; the Council of the Presidency will carry out collectively the functions attributed to the Presidency as it exists within the Central Committee, the Political and Military Committee, and other FRELIMO organs.

The three members of the Council of the Presidency have equal powers of direction; therefore the members of the Council of the Presidency will work

collectively in all their functions and responsibilities, as is usual in such a collegial body.

For the organisation of the work, the members of the Council of the Presidency will meet and distribute among themselves the different sectors of activity; they will also decide among themselves which person will coordinate their work. The duty of the coordinator is to be the link between the Council of the Presidency and the Departments of the Executive Committee. This duty in no way prejudices the equality of leadership among the three members.

After the election of the Council of the Presidency, that body met and elected Comrade Uria T. Simango as the coordinator of the Council of the Presidency.

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