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Very Urgent

From: Col Sergio Vieira,
Minister of Agriculture.

To : His Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Cape Town.

Greetings

1. I received telex no 12 from Director General J. van Dalsen on 10 March.
2. My Government manifests the greatest surprise and disappointment as to its contents.
3. The pretexts to postpone serious discussions to prevent a general war, have no foundation or consistency.
4. The Mocambique Government took note of the alleged incidents through the South African media.
5. It must also be noted that we took note through the press that the African National Congress (A N C) rejected any involvement in the criminal act of

Bloemfontein and expressly labelled this terrorist act
as provocative.

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6. We cannot confirm nor deny that at some time the alleged authors of these said actions passed through our territory. It is possible that they were in Mocambique, as in many other countries, including allies of South Africa, without this implying responsibility on the part of these states or of the RPM (Peoples' Republic of Mocambique).
 7. If in fact the alleged authors of these actions passed through Mocambique to conduct the operations, they did so clandestinely and clandestinely penetrated into your territory. In this case what is clear is that not only our authorities, but also your own authorities cannot effectively control all these movements. But this obviously cannot be interpreted as complicity of the South African or Mocambique authorities in said or other operations.
 8. It is moreover clear that officially and publicly the South African authorities appear to be directly involved in criminal and terrorist actions against the RPM.

Recently it was proved that an official of the Active Service (Permanent Force) of the South African Army, officially designated as having died in Namibia, effectively died in Mocambique when he was preparing to sabotage the railway line which connects Beira to Zimbabwe and other countries. Captured elements (troops) of various nationalities, (and) captured documents indicate dates, places, names of senior officials of the South African Armed Forces and of other services, to be directly involved in the training, equipping, financing, transportation, supply and direction of criminal and aggressive actions against the RPM.

Debates in the South African Parliament confirm these facts.

9. Radio transmissions from South African territory of armed groups of bandits of the so-called MNR occur daily. The transmissions take place daily from 04h00 to 05h00 and from 17h00 to 18h00 GMT on the 4764 MH and 62 meter band wave lengths. This radio in recent weeks has increased its potency.
10. Cypher communications between the bandits and South African authorities take place daily. Our services located these transmissions as coming from South Africa.
11. Your telex No 14 of 11 March aggravated the legitimate preoccupations of our government.
12. We do not have knowledge of any hostile action whatsoever emanating from the RPM against the security of any neighbouring country, its citizens and property, including the RSA.
13. If the South African Government has knowledge of these facts it should inform us exactly in order that preventive measures can be taken in accordance with what has always been our line of conduct of non-interference in the internal affairs of any country and refusal of assistance to actions of destabilization against any country, especially a neighbouring (state).
14. Apart from these facts which constitute an undeclared war, the Government of the RPM is disposed, from a position of responsibility within the ambit of its socialist policy of peace, to conduct a dialogue at ministerial level in order to:

- A) eliminate the existing war
- B) eliminate tensions
- C) promote peaceful co-operation in the region
- D) make detente and inter-regional co-operation a source of tranquility, security and prosperity for all the peoples and states of Southern Africa.

15. We think that a discussion at the level of officials, even senior ones, would hardly be efficacious, without a discussion and political decision to guide and orientate it in its work.

Thus we appeal to the South African Government to implement the agreement of Komatipoort.

16. Given the seriousness of the situation, it is at ministerial level and with urgency that the facts, from the point of view of our Government, must be clarified.

17. Given the legitimate preoccupation created by the present attitude of the South African Government, our Government has thought it convenient to alert the representatives of the Permanent Members of the Security Council, and to lodge with its allies those actions which it considered necessary to safeguard its sovereignty, territorial integrity (and) inviolability of its frontiers.

18. The Government of the RPM urgently appeals to the South African Government to abstain from actions which lead to a new deterioration of the peace, to an escalation of tensions and to the danger of an internationalization of the conflicts through the necessity of interventions by other states and forces.

Highest consideration,

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