

**Uniao Democratica Nacional**  
**De Mocambique**  
**(UDENAMO)**  
**MOZAMBIQUE**

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"Your Honourable Excellencies,

The Uniao Democratica Nacional de Moçambique, (UDENAMO), the organisation spearheading the liberatory struggle in Mozambique, wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Organisers of this 2nd Non-Aligned Conference for having extended an invitation to the above Organisation to observe the proceedings of this historic conference. UDENAMO unreservedly supports the aims of the Non-Aligned States particularly on subjects involving a general plan for world peace and security.

"UDENAMO is confident that this Second Summit Conference of Non-Aligned States will objectively scrutinize and then redouble its efforts to achieve the desired goal concerning international problems.

"The period between the Belgrade and Cairo Conference depict a remarkable progress made by the Non-Aligned States to preserve World peace and the attempt to liquidate colonialism and neo-colonialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This struggle, however, continues to date unabated due to the stubborn perseverance of the colonial masters. Although Africa proudly records 34 independent States, colonialism is a real and active system in Africa to-day by conspicuously manifesting itself in the Southern part of this Great Continent. This esteemed assembly, opposed vehemently to colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism, will no doubt elaborately discuss methods designed to liquidate vestiges of colonialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Cognizant of this UDENAMO humbly submits to Your Honourable Excellencies in detail the nature of our struggle to liberate our fatherland — **MOZAMBIQUE** from Portuguese colonialism with the hope that this esteemed assembly

may consider rendering assistance in our revolutionary struggle against the fascist Salazar Regime.

"It is with this premises that we considered it absolutely necessary to present this Memorandum to this 2nd Non-Aligned Conference in order to acquaint your Excellencies with the grim picture of our struggle against Portuguese Colonialism in Mozambique.

### COLONIAL INTRIGUE

"In 1951, the colonial power, Portugal, issued a decree whereby the name Portuguese Overseas Colonial Empire was changed into Portuguese Overseas Provinces. The intention of this decree was to divert the attention and demands of Anti-Colonial forces by calling these colonial territories "PROVINCES" of Portugal. As a result of this terminology, calling colonized territories "PROVINCES", Portugal consistently violated the principles embodied in the United Nations Organisation Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"We have emphatically denied Salazar's claim that Mozambique is an extension of Portugal and reiterate our strong objection to this "colonial integration". One wonders what kind of "PROVINCE" this is;

"WHERE the inhabitants are divided into classes, Indigenous, Non-Aligned and whites;

"WHERE only 1% of the whole population is literate;

"WHERE education is characterized by blatant discrimination; White settlers enjoy education facilities provided for by the government whereas African education is under the guidance of Catholic Missionaries;

"WHERE University facilities are completely denied;

"WHERE Human exploitation of the worst sort still exists in all its forms and manifestations;

"WHERE Africans are recruited and forced to labour in the

mines of the racist government of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia;

"WHERE Local employment is filled with white immigrants from Portugal despite the fact that there is an already high rate of unemployment in Mozambique;

"WHERE White immigrants from Portugal are settled on African land at the expense of the African farmer who is then forced either to labour for the white settler or move and cultivate less fertile areas.

### **ATTEMPTS TO CONSOLIDATE**

"The fascist government of Salazar is rapidly implementing its policy of consolidating its colonial grip in Mozambique by encouraging Portuguese immigration to Mozambique.

"Unemployed and landless Portuguese are shipped to Mozambique where they secure employment and are settled on our lands. The intention is to outnumber the African population in order to secure perpetual colonial domination in Mozambique.

#### **Unemployment**

"With the constant inflow of Portuguese immigrants local vacancies are taken up by them thereby aggravating the unemployment situation in the country and with the result Africans are forced to labour in the mines in South Africa.

#### **The land question**

"Portuguese immigrants are settled on fertile lands and indoctrinated to till and defend them "because they belong to them".

#### **Poverty and destitution**

"Colonial exploitation over centuries of the African people has rendered them destitutes in the land of their birth. More than half the population of Mozambique go semi naked or do not possess more than one cotton pair of short trousers and one shirt in the case of males, and half a metre of "capulana"

and a blouse in the case of a female. This is the nett result of colonial exploitation and an economic irony that people should go semi-naked in a country that produces a great amount of cotton.

## BRUTAL SUPPRESSION

"Formation of political parties in Mozambique is strictly forbidden and existing parties have been outlawed. Besides suppressing political parties the fascist Salazar Regime denies to the African people freedom of speech and press. Newspapers are strictly censored and legitimate criticism is looked upon as treasonable writing. Freedom of movement is curbed by the Policia Internacional e Defesa do Estado (PIDE) — the political secret police. As a result of the wide network of the PIDE thousands of freedom loving Mozambicans are languishing in overcrowded dungeons and concentration camps.

"Daily refugees are pouring into the neighbouring countries Swaziland, Malawi, Tanganyika, Zambia and even South Africa, penniless and desperate.

"UDENAMO is faced with the task of conducting these people to safe areas and of providing them with food and clothing. This is a situation created by colonialism and must be tackled by anti-colonial forces such as UDENAMO and the countries present at this 2nd Non-Aligned Conference.

"The atrocities perpetrated by the fascist Salazar Regime on the African people in the colonial territories is well known and understood by Your Excellencies and UDENAMO is confident that this assembly will adopt a resolution condemning colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Complementary to this resolution UDENAMO wishes to urge Your Excellencies to formulate a policy whereby the colonial peoples could materialize their objectives and attain independence in the very near future and subsequently join the free peoples of the world and positively contribute towards world peace and international security. UDENAMO believes that the following proposals carefully considered and implemented would hasten the down fall of colonialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America.



## PROPOSALS

- 1) This 2nd Non-Aligned Conference set up a commission to hear petitions from liberatory movements in colonial territories.
- 2) This 2nd Non-Aligned Conference set up a sub-committee to directly aid liberatory movements fighting colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism.
- 3) That countries present at this 2nd Non-Aligned Conference provide facilities for military training to freedom fighters from those colonial territories where peaceful negotiation to attain independence has failed.
- 4) That this 2nd Non-Aligned Conference embark upon a positive action campaign to eradicate vestiges of colonialism — the major threat to world peace.
- 5) That this 2nd Non-Aligned Conference appeal to all anti-colonial and anti-imperialist forces through out the world to resolutely support materially and otherwise the just struggle of the oppressed peoples of the World wherever they may be.

## CONCLUSION

The brutal crimes committed by the Portuguese colonialists in Mozambique MUST be checked and UDENAMO is confident that with resolute material and moral support from Non-Aligned countries, Portuguese colonialism in Mozambique can be liquidated. Seven million Mozambicans oppressed for over 400 years by Portuguese colonialism are now waging a relentless struggle against heavy odds under the leadership of UDENAMO. They are confident of victory because history is on the side of the oppressed people. But our victory in Mozambique will have to be fought for and we will fight and are confident that our struggle will receive your limitless support and encouragement.