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The Mozambique national resistance department of information has sent us the following statement for publication:

... After the coup d'etat in Portugal, Samora Machel, supported by Tanzanian mercenary forces, received the power transferred from Portuguese colonial government. After assuming power, instead of embarking on national reconciliation - which was the aim of Dr Eduardo Mondlane in organizing Frelimo - Samora Machel decided to betray the Mozambican people. He refused them the freedom of deciding their own destiny and be called on foreign powers, in the service of Soviet imperialism, for military, ideological, economic and social intervention to suppress the revolt of the people against his betrayal and the communist slavery he had imposed on the Mozambican nation. As a result, the Mozambican people today live in deplorable misery and under barbarous oppression equal to the dark era of the past centuries of slavery. As a result of this new reality, a new Mozambican patriotic movement came into being with the aim of guiding and co-ordinating the Mozambican people's revolt against the fatherland's traitors, usurpers and foreign occupants. This movement is the Mozambican national resistance. It assumes full responsibility for the struggle and promises to the nation and the Mozambican people to promote efforts necessary to achieve the objectives which are the *raison d'être* of our struggle. . .

The Mozambican national resistance's *raison d'être* is to take up the Mozambican people's profound aspirations for freedom sovereign state with complete national independence. In view of these aims it becomes necessary and imperative to achieve the following objectives immediately:

- (a) As the present Mozambican political system is a result of the strategy of Soviet imperialism, which aims at acquiring Mozambican resources and strategic positions for aggressive purposes at world level, the Government of Samora Machel is nothing but an instrument of oppression and treason in the service of Soviet imperialism. The Mozambican people are the daily victims of a government in the service of foreigners who deny us freedom, exploit our work, circumscribe our intelligence, crush our personality and trample underfoot the most sacred values of our fatherland. The Government of Samora Machel must therefore be destroyed by all possible means. It is the duty and obligation of all Mozambicans to fight it as best they can. This is also the duty and obligation of all men, peoples and governments who want freedom and respect for human rights;
- (b) We shall make every effort to incorporate all Mozambican compatriots to make our struggle effective. Organized within the national resistance the Mozambican people will exert their indestructible will and lead the nation to its historic destiny of victory;
- (c) In the face of the difficulties resulting from the military, economic and political support given Samora Machel by Soviet imperialism, it is now imperative for the Mozambican national resistance, which has few means, to ask for the assistance we need from Governments, organizations and people in various countries who are friends of the Mozambican people either because of our common interests and the values we uphold, or because we are linked in the struggle against the common communist imperialist enemy. The resistance appeals to all Mozambican compatriots who are suffering the agony of oppression under which the Mozambican nation lives, and who suffer and feel the exploitation of Soviet neo-colonialist expansionism, to join our struggle to enable us to vanquish our country's traitors and foreign exploitation and occupation. The resistance appeals for support from all governments, organizations, peoples and individuals who love national values, peace and freedom to give us political, economic, financial, military, diplomatic and moral support. Our cause is freedom, justice, peace, democracy and help from all peoples and nations. We appeal to all those who fight for and enjoy these values for sincere solidarity. Our case is common. Only in unity and solidarity, shall we halt and defeat international communist expansionism.

Long live the resistance; long live the freedom of the peoples.

That was the statement from the Mozambican national resistance.