

## **SPEECH BY MARCELINO DON SANTOS**

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Mister Chairman, representatives of the Tanganyikan government and of other governments, fellow African nationalists, my countrymen:

This is a great moment.

All Mozambicans turn to us today — let us do our best to realize their hopes for national independence.

Yet, dear brothers, I am not speaking today only as a Mozambican. I am also speaking as the general secretary of the CONCP.

Our brothers in Angola, so-called Portuguese Guinea, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe have asked me to give their brotherly and warm greetings to the people of Mozambique.

At present, Angolans and Guineans are fighting against Portuguese colonialism with weapons in hand. And in the islands of Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, the battle develops on a political level.

Our brothers from other colonies hope that the Mozambican people will know how to intensify their struggle and overthrow their oppressor once and for all.

United, the people of our countries can easily liquidate our common enemy, Portuguese colonialism. Unity is a fundamental weapon.

It is this spirit of unity which leads our peoples and incites them to join with their brothers from the rest of Africa.

Dear countrymen.

Today's unity in FRELIMO will surely encourage the peoples of other Portuguese colonies to pursue their fight.

Moreover, it will be celebrated by peoples of Africa and of the world.

For us the task is now to be equal to our responsibility, to the responsibility which devolves on those who are fighting for the freedom of Mozambique. Everyone must be aware of this.

I am sure that at the end of this meeting every Mozambican will feel ready to carry out his mission.

For the great march of Mozambicans begins. And, being united, the Mozambican people will win.

Long live Mozambican independence!

Long live the independence of the peoples under Portuguese colonialism!