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and
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of Mozambique,

Believing that the relations of friendship and co-operation formed between the Soviet and Mozambican peoples during the difficult years of the people's war for the liberation of Mozambique and consolidated following the creation of the People's Republic of Mozambique are in accordance with the vital interests of both Parties and serve the cause of peace throughout the world;

Determined to support one another in creating more favourable conditions for strengthening the revolutionary socio-economic achievements of the two peoples;

Inspired by the ideals of the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism;

Prompted by the aspiration to support the struggle for international peace and security in the interests of the peoples of all countries;

Advocating the unity and co-operation of all progressive forces in the struggle for independence, freedom, peace and social progress;

Reaffirming their loyalty to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Striving to consolidate the existing relations of friendship and mutually advantageous co-operation between the two States and peoples, which are natural allies;

Have decided to conclude this Treaty of friendship and co-operation and have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties solemnly declare their determination to strengthen and deepen the indestructible friendship between the two countries and peoples and to develop all-round co-operation. Both Parties shall co-operate in every way, on the basis of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-intervention in each other's internal affairs and equal rights, to create more favourable conditions for preserving and extending the socio-economic achievements of the peoples of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of Mozambique.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties attach great importance to all-round co-operation with one another and to the exchange of experience in the economic, technical and scientific fields. To these ends, they shall expand and deepen co-operation in the fields of industry, transport and communications, agriculture, fisheries, the exploitation of natural resources, the development of the power

¹ Came into force on 4 November 1977 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Moscow, in accordance with article 14.

industry and in other areas of the economy, and also in the training of national specialists.

Both Parties shall expand trade and navigation on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual benefit and most-favoured-nation treatment.

Article 3. The High Contracting Parties shall promote the development of co-operation, mutual assistance and the exchange of experience in science, culture, art, literature, education, health, the press, radio, the cinema, tourism, sport and in other fields.

The Parties shall promote the expansion of co-operation and direct contacts between political and social organizations, enterprises and cultural and scientific institutions so that the peoples of the two countries may become better acquainted with each other's life, work, experience and achievements.

Article 4. In the interest of strengthening their defence capability, the High Contracting Parties shall continue to develop co-operation in military matters on the basis of appropriate agreements concluded with each other.

Article 5. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall respect the policy of non-alignment conducted by the People's Republic of Mozambique, which is an important factor in the maintenance of international peace and security.

The People's Republic of Mozambique shall respect the policy of peace conducted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which is aimed at strengthening friendship and co-operation with all peoples.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to struggle for peace throughout the world and to make every effort to deepen the process of relaxing international tension. They shall seek to embody détente in specific forms of mutually beneficial co-operation between States. Both Parties shall make every effort to achieve general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under effective international control, the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means and the conclusion of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations.

Article 7. The High Contracting Parties shall continue their consistent struggle against the forces of imperialism for the final elimination of colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid*. They shall strive for the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.

The Parties shall co-operate with one another and with other peace-loving States in supporting the just struggle of the peoples for freedom, independence, sovereignty and social progress.

Article 8. The High Contracting Parties, expressing their deep interest in ensuring peace and international security and attaching great importance to co-operation with one another in the international arena to achieve those aims, shall regularly exchange views in a spirit of mutual understanding on important international questions. Such consultations and exchanges of views shall also include questions of a political, economic and cultural nature and other questions concerning bilateral relations.

Such consultations and exchanges of views shall take place at various levels, *inter alia* through meetings between leading statesmen of the two Parties, in the

course of visits by official delegations and special representatives, and through the diplomatic channel.

Article 9. In the event of situations arising which constitute a threat to peace or a breach of the peace, the High Contracting Parties shall immediately contact each other for the purpose of co-ordinating their positions in the interests of removing the said threat or of restoring peace.

Article 10. Each of the High Contracting Parties solemnly declares that it will not enter into any military or other alliances, join any groups of States or participate in any actions or measures directed against the other High Contracting Party.

Article 11. The High Contracting Parties declare that their obligations under international treaties currently in force do not conflict with the provisions of this Treaty, and undertake not to conclude any international agreements which are inconsistent therewith.

Article 12. Questions which may arise between the High Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of any of the provisions of this Treaty shall be resolved bilaterally in a spirit of friendship, mutual understanding and respect.

Article 13. This Treaty shall be valid for a period of 20 years from the date of its entry into force.

If neither of the High Contracting Parties gives notice of its desire to terminate the Treaty one year before the expiry of the above-mentioned period, it shall remain in force for successive five-year periods until such time as one of the High Contracting Parties gives written notice of its intention to terminate it one year before the expiry of the current five-year period.

Article 14. This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place in Moscow.

This Treaty has been drawn up in duplicate, each in the Russian and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Maputo on 31 March 1977.

For the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

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Supreme Soviet of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics

For the People's Republic
of Mozambique:

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President of the People's Republic
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