UN to hold inquiry on Wiriyamu massacre

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The United Nations General Assembly has adopted a proposal for a five-member commission to investigate the reports of alleged Portuguese atrocities in Mozambique. The voting was 109 to four—the United States, Portugal, Spain and South Africa.

Britain, France and the Soviet Union were among 12 countries which abstained. British officials gave two reasons for their abstention—the principle that the United Nations should not interfere in the internal affairs of a member country, and the practical consideration that the commission could not be effective without Portuguese cooperation.