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Note verbale dated 28 December 1988 from the Permanent
Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in pursuance of its communication dated 23 November 1988, and in order to clarify any ambiguity and discard any falsehood that are being spread around, has the honour to state the following:

On 28 July 1988, a detachment of racist South African soldiers attacked, without provocation, Mozambican soldiers well inside our territory. In the ensuing battle, one South African soldier was killed and matériel captured. Later the racists demanded the return of the body as well as the matériel. When asked what their soldiers were doing in Mozambique, the official explanation was that they were looking for African National Congress personnel. No ANC personnel has/have been in the area. In the last two weeks this explanation seems to have been changed. It must be categorically stated that our forces at no time whether before, during or after the confrontation, crossed the border, and no ordnance fell into South Africa.

This attack is a clear violation of accords undertaken by racist South Africa.

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