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[Excerpts] [Passage omitted]

Joaquim Alberto Chissano, chairman of the Mozambique Liberation Front [Frelimo] and president of Mozambique, writes:

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"It was with a sense of profound satisfaction that we received the news of your election to the lofty post of chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium.

"On this historic occasion I send you, esteemed Comrade Gorbachev, our ardent fraternal congratulations on behalf of the Mozambican people, the Frelimo Central Committee, the People's Assembly Permanent Commission, and myself.

"The trust and respect that the Soviet people have once again expressed in you attests to their recognition of the dynamism and selflessness, so worthy of emulation, with which you work for the cause of socialism in the USSR. The considerable results achieved by the Soviet people in the struggle to build a flourishing socialist society have been tremendously developed in the course of the transformations implemented in your country recently. Under your wise leadership, the Soviet people are attaining great victories in the struggle for progress that are today embodied in major economic, social, and cultural achievements and in the constant improvement of all Soviet working people's living conditions.

"That is why the Soviet people are rightfully proud of their beloved leader—Comrade Gorbachev—who is the embodiment of the Soviet people's supreme virtues and a true and unbending fighter for the implementation of the noblest aspirations of the Soviet people and the peoples of the entire planet—peace, prosperity, and social well-being.

"We are convinced that the work of the broad masses of the USSR's working people will bring more and greater successes in the fulfillment of the 27th CPSU Congress decisions.

"We are also convinced that our traditional fruitful relations of fraternal friendship, combat solidarity, and cooperation will continue to expand for the good of our two peoples.

"Please accept, Comrade Gorbachev, our sincere wishes for good health, long life, and further great success in fulfilling your new work commitments." [passage omitted]