

POLITICAL CONSTITUTION

OF

MOZAMBIQUE

PART I - FUNDAMENTAL GUARANTEES

Article 1. Mozambique is a federated, independent and sovereign Republic, formed by an indissoluble union of the States which compose it.

Article 2. The national territory is that which currently belongs to it.

Article 3. Mozambique has no expansionist ambitions, nor shall it transfer any portion of territory over which it exercises sovereignty. However, it shall have the right to take measures for the adjustment of its frontiers by means of international accords approved by the National Congress.

Article 4. The extent and boundaries of international waters and of air space shall be defined by law.

Article 5. The Nation shall consist of all citizens of Mozambique residing within or without the national territory. A special law shall regulate the means of acquiring and of losing citizenship.

Article 6. Without prejudice to respect for international agreements freely concluded, aliens resident within the territory of Mozambique shall be subject to federal and state laws in force at the time.

Article 7. No restriction shall be imposed upon the right of freedom of movement within the entire national territory, but the citizen shall remain subject to the laws of the State in which he shall happen to be.

Article 8. All citizens are equal before the law, and no one shall be privileged or disabled because of social condition, ancestry, birth, sex, race, language, origin, religion, or religious convictions.

Article 9. No one shall be denied justice and legal protection. Ordinary laws shall guarantee procedures capable of permitting access to the courts for all citizens to defend their rights, regardless of the economic condition of the petitioners.

Article 10. Laws shall always have a general abstract character, and may not limit the extent and reach of the essential content of constitutional provisions.

Article 11. Constitutional legal provisions pertaining to fundamental rights must be integrated and interpreted in accordance with the spirit of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Man.

Article 12. Suspension or restriction of individual guarantees, whether total or partial, may take place only in cases of a state of siege, emergency, or belligerency, it being necessary to specify by means of a proclamation the duration and scope of the suspension or restriction.

Article 13. Only when recourse to public authority would be impossible, as in the case of imminent aggression, shall it be permissible to repel force with force.

Article 14. The right to life, physical integrity, and personal and moral security is inherent in the human person and under no circumstances may be violated.

Article 15. The following rights, liberties and individual guarantees shall be applicable to all citizens of Mozambique and to aliens resident in the country:

- a) the right to institute criminal prosecu-