Support by S Africa for Dissidents in Southern Africa

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(i) Excerpt from report

[Non-aligned Foreign Ministers condemn the South African attack on Mozambique] The Minister Commissar of the Mozambican armed forces, Lt-Gen Armando Guebuza, yesterday addressed a meeting in Moamba on the aggression carried out against our country and he give instructions for people to continue being vigilant.

Meanwhile, the four individuals who recently surrendered to the Mozambican authorities confirmed that South Africa has been supplying firearms and food to the groups of bandits operating in Mozambique. The four individuals are (?Orlando Julio Inacio), (?Pietro Constantino Perino), (?Henrique Fabiao Sitoi) and Jose Martins Gilberto who belonged to the same group of bandits.

(ii) Text of report:

An Angolan national, Afonso Ndonga [phonetic], has told Maputo newspaper and radio reporters that South Africa operates military bases for the training of commandos for action against the frontline states. Afonso Ndonga arrived in Mozambique from South Africa where he had been since the day he was taken prisoner by the South Africans in the course of one of their incursions into Angola. This Angolan armed forces militant was then taken and trained, together with other Angolans, as well as Namibians and South Africans, at a military camp in Durban, south-east Africa [as heard].

During the time of the Rhodesian minority regime, he went, in May 1979, from Durban to Salisbury as part of a South African force and from there he went on to Lake Kariba, where Zambian passenger boats were attacked. After these attacks the commando group - Five Commando - underwent intensive training, including the study of US and Israeli films. On 9th December Afonso Ndonga was told that Five Commando, which included Angolans, Namibians and South Africans, would be transferred from Durban to (?Palaboa), a military base on the Mozambique-Zimbabwe border. At that time, however, he was arrested and sent to a jail from which he escaped in December last year, later surrendering to the Mozambican authorities so that he could return to Angola.