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STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
SOUTH AFRICA ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE.

On the 7th September, 1974, the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Dr. Soares and the President of FRELIMO, Mr. Samora Machel signed an agreement for the transfer of power from the Portuguese Government to a Provincial Government to be led by FRELIMO. This was a historic event which marked the end of <sup>nearly 500</sup> over 400 years of Portuguese colonial domination in Mozambique as well as 10 years of the heroic armed struggle of the Mozambique people under the leadership of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO).

This was indeed a victory not only for the Mozambique people but for all the Liberation Movements in Southern Africa. This victory was a triumph for independent Africa and all progressive freedom-loving forces the world over. This glorious achievement marks the beginning of the complete and final destruction of colonialism and white domination in Southern Africa.

*collapse* The relentless struggle of the people in <sup>victorious</sup> all the Portuguese colonies of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau, <sup>of Africa, Mozambique, Angola & Guinea Bissau</sup> as well as that of progressive forces within Portugal, <sup>primarily responsible for the</sup> led to the overthrow of <sup>heavily half-a-century</sup> 40 years of fascist rule in Portugal, <sup>and opened</sup> when the <sup>overthrown</sup> ~~Caetano~~ regime was overthrown by Portuguese democratic forces. Even before the military coup of April 25 the PAIGC had already made such advances that they could hold elections and declare an independent Government of Guinea Bissau. We of the African National Congress of South

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Africa take this opportunity to express our militant greetings and hearty congratulations to our comrades-in-arms on the occasion of formal transfer of power by Portugal to the people of Guinea Bissau under a PAIGC Government. This date, September 10th also coincides with the Anniversary of the birth of the glorious hero and martyr of Africa, Amilcar Cabral.

We hail the victory scored by our brothers in Mozambique and are fully confident that the fraternal bonds that link our people and respective Organisations will become even stronger. The dream of illustrious hero and son of our continent - Dr. Eduardo Modlane is being realised.

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LONG LIVE PAIGC!!!!!!

LONG LIVE FRELIMO!!!!!!

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