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QUESTION OF TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

Telegram dated 27 September 1973 from the Secretary-General of the Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Having returned today from our country, have honour transmit following message to Fourth Committee:

First Popular National Assembly of Guinea Bissau met 23 and 24 September in Boé liberated areas in eastern part of country. Aristides Pereira, Secretary-General of PAIGC, delivered inaugural address. Assembly, expressing will of people, proclaimed State of Guinea Bissau 24 September at 8.55 a.m. GMT. State of Guinea Bissau was given a Constitution, and Assembly elected 15-member Council of State under presidency of our comrade, Luis Cabral, Assistant Secretary-General of our party. On proposal of Council of State, Assembly approved appointment of first executive body of Guinea Bissau, a Council of Commissioners of State consisting of eight commissioners and eight deputy commissioners. Comrade Francisco Mendes (Chico Té), member of Permanent Secretariat of Executive Committee of PAIGC, is presiding officer of Council in his capacity as Chief Commissioner.

In this new situation, position of Portuguese colonialists as foreign aggressors against our people has been confirmed. Our representative, da Luz, en route with relevant documents.

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Secretary-General, PAIGC

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