

תפוחים ופירות אחרים

Message by Ambassador Salim Ahmed Salim

Chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization

It is my privilege to convey my warm congratulations to the United Nations Secretariat on the occasion of the launching of *Decolonization*.

Introduction

The overthrow of the régime of Prime Minister Marcello Caetano on 25 April 1974 by the Movement of the Armed Forces has alerted the international community to new negotiations with the liberation movements. In the light of these events, we reproduce in this first issue of Decolonization statements reflect

I. Statements by Portuguese officials

General António de Spínola,
President of Portugal

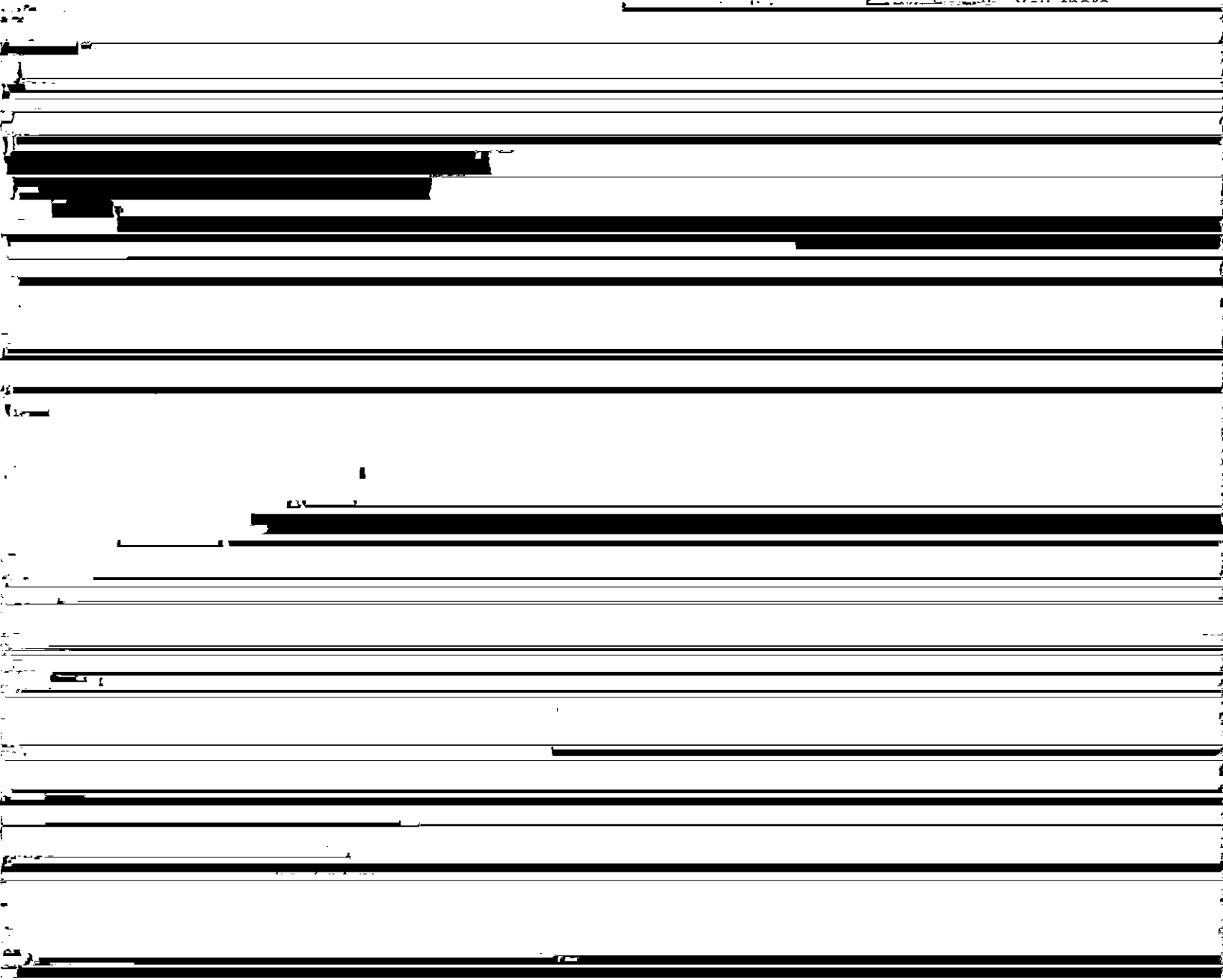
prospects for decolonization in the views of parties concerned On Portugal and the future:

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of Portuguese colonialism, an end to the colonial wars and recognition of the sacred and inalienable right of our peoples to independence.

Our party has never confused the Portuguese people with the Portuguese colonialists and it cannot re-

homeland, at this hour when the future of your people is at stake in the streets of your country, you cannot remain indifferent. You see the courage and heroism with which we fight you every day. You are well aware of our firm decision, the ability of our leaders and the



legitimate interests of Portuguese al opinion the continuation of the folding of a tragedy due to the crim-
inal stubbornness of successive gov-

This is the path which true demo- forces of Portugal in our country. ernments in Lisbon.
crats and the masses of the Portu These activities for which the pres- In fact those who governed Por-

forces on the political scene, the Executive Committee of PAIGC submits to the new political authorities in Portugal the following concrete proposal which can open the way

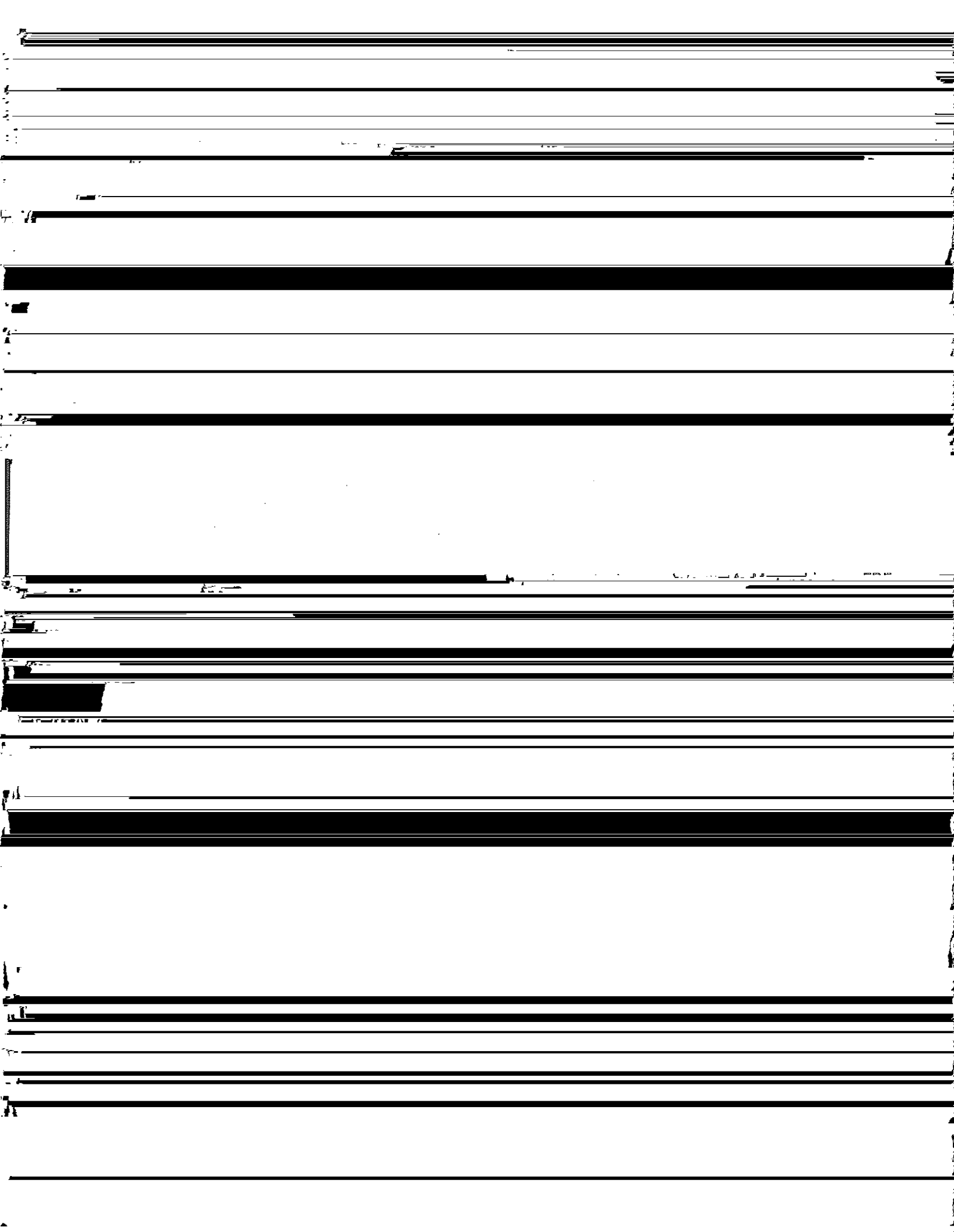
preliminary to negotiations, the Portuguese side would be required to fulfil the following conditions:

1. Regrouping of all so-called territorial occupation forces in the

Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO), on 27 April 1974

On 25 April 1974, we learned from radio broadcasts about the coup

our people and the Portuguese called intervention elements of the forces which resulted in the oust-



that only through recognition of the manoeuvres aimed at blocking the MPLA emphasizes here and now

**III. Statements by African
leaders**

**President Amadou Ahidjo
of the United Republic of Cameroon
at the 23rd Session of the
OAU Co-ordinating Committee**

**Mr. Omar Arteh Ghelib,
Foreign Minister of the
Somali Democratic Republic,
Chairman of the OAU**

IV. Joint statement by the Chairman of the Special Committee

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I have followed with close attention the recent changes which have occurred in Portugal and which have resulted in the formation of a new Government under the presi-

peaceful solution of those tragic conflicts, a solution which is vital to the interests not only of Africa but of Portugal itself. I sincerely hope that, keeping in mind the