

Report from Minister of Defense with a proposal for free delivery of old weaponry to the national-liberation movement in Mozambique (FRELIMO) and Angola (MPLA),  
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TO CC BCP POLITBURO\*

REPORT

From Army General Dobri Dzhurov, Minister of people's defense

Comrades,

During the BCP congress Ministry of people's defense was visited by Comrade Uria Simongo, Deputy Chairman of Liberation Front of Mozambique (FRELIMO), and comrade Agostinho Netto, Chairman of People's Movement for Liberation of Angola (MPLA). They informed about their struggle for independence, and made a request for rendering a possible free aid of weaponry, ammunitions, and medicine.

After checking the current possibilities of Ministry of people's defense it was found out that we can deliver various systems of old weaponry, as follows:

- for Mozambique according List No. 1 in amount of 1 385 000 leva
- for Angola according List No. 2 in amount of 774 000 leva

However, I have to report that this weaponry is not in use, and for the last few years Ministry of foreign trade unsuccessfully tried to find a market place for its sale.

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\* Handwritten resolution by Todor Zhivkov: *I agree. 2 December 1966.*

So I consider that the weaponry can be delivered as a gift for progressive movements, which are fighting against the capitalism.

On the ground of the expounded information I suggest Politburo to approve follows

**RESOLUTION:**

1. To be rendered one-time assistance of weapons, ammunitions, equipment and medications to:
  - Mozambique – at a total amount of 1 385 000 leva in accordance with list 1;
  - Angola – at a total amount of 774 000 leva in accordance with list 2.
2. The Ministry of people's defense shall pack and prepare for transportation the weapons, ammunitions and equipment.
3. The Ministry of foreign trade shall organize and transport the weapons, ammunitions and equipment, prepared by the Ministry of defense, from the warehouses to its destination, and submit to representatives of:
  - the Liberation Front of Mozambique (FRELIMO);
  - the People's movement for liberation of Angola (MPLA).

The Ministry of foreign trade shall cover packing and transport expenses of weapons, ammunitions and equipment.

Transfer of weapons, ammunitions and equipment to the African party for independence of Portugal Guinea and Cabo Verde shall be completed through the Republic of Guinea, to the Liberation Front of Mozambique and the People's movement for liberation of Angola – through governments, defined by the Ministry of foreign trade.

- Transfer of weapons, ammunitions and equipment through countries, defined by the Ministry of foreign trade, shall be completed after
- 4. The Ministry of foreign affairs, after a proposal by Ministry of foreign trade to take steps before the respective governments for a consent the deliveries to be transported through their territories.
- 5. The execution of this Resolution shall be assigned to the ministers of foreign trade, foreign affairs, and people's defense.

ANNEXES:

1. List No. 1 – one page
2. List No. 2 – one page

Minister of people's defense:

Army General [Dobri Dzhurov]

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