

## **Congratulations Mozambican People for the 40th Independence Anniversary!**

The U.S. Embassy in Mozambique congratulates the people of Mozambique on 40 years of independence! On this day in 1975, President Gerald R. Ford sent a letter (see below) to President Samora Machel extending official recognition by the United States Government of the Republic of Mozambique. President Ford wrote in his letter “As we strengthen and multiply our bonds of mutual friendship, I am confident of a future in which our two peoples will work together in the freedom, peace and security of all mankind.”

Today, there is ample evidence that President Ford’s vision of our two nations working together toward peace and progress has been realized. Whether in the areas of strengthening democracy, expanding access to healthcare and sanitation, protecting the environment, building transportation and communication infrastructures, or any of the dozens of areas of cooperation between our two nations, the United States and Mozambique are forging a closer relationship with each passing year. For example, just last week the U.S. Secretary of Transportation traveled to Mozambique with a delegation of senior U.S. government officials and business leaders to promote trade between our two nations. During the trade mission, the embassy also inaugurated a new Foreign Commercial Service office within the U.S. Embassy in Maputo, reinforcing the exciting economic promise that lies ahead for Mozambique as one of Africa’s fastest growing economies.

This anniversary offers an opportunity not only to reflect on the past forty years since independence, but also to celebrate the many opportunities that lie ahead for Mozambique. The people of the United States stand together with Mozambique, ready to work together toward a future that is peaceful, healthy, and prosperous!

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

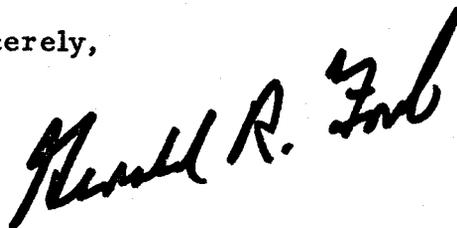
I am pleased to inform you that the United States Government extends recognition to Mozambique. It is our hope, with your agreement, that diplomatic relations can soon be established between our two countries.

We congratulate your leaders and their Portuguese colleagues on the wise statesmanship that has led to Mozambique's independence.

The American people share with the people of Mozambique the knowledge that hard-won individual liberty and national independence can be preserved only by unremitting labor and sacrifice.

As we strengthen and multiply our bonds of mutual friendship, I am confident of a future in which our two peoples will work together in the freedom, peace and security of all mankind.

Sincerely,



His Excellency  
Samora Moises Machel  
President of the Peoples Republic of Mozambique

