

No. 9369. INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, 1968. OPEN FOR SIGNATURE AT NEW YORK FROM 3 TO 24 DECEMBER 1968 ¹

RATIFICATION

Instrument deposited on:

31 December 1970

PORTUGAL ²

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 654, p. 3; for subsequent actions, see annex A in volumes 655, 656, 657, 660, 661, 668, 669, 670, 671, 673, 675, 677, 680, 682, 684, 689, 690, 691, 699, 700, 703, 704, 705, 717, 720, 723, 724, 727, 735 and 752.

² The instrument of ratification deposited with the Secretary-General was issued in the name of the Portuguese Republic. In reply to inquiries made by the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization, the Government of Portugal had declared *inter alia* that in terms of article 1 of the Portuguese Constitution, Portugal is a unitary republic comprising the territories listed therein—and these cover the Portuguese Overseas Provinces—, that the signature of the Agreement by Portugal under article 59, its notification under article 61 (1) and its indication under article 62 (1) all extend to Portugal's entire national territory, including the Overseas Provinces.

In a communication addressed to the Secretary-General on 7 June 1971, the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, referring to the ratification of the Agreement by Portugal, stated the following:

“The Permanent Representative has been instructed to state that the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as a Party to the International Sugar Agreement 1968, does not recognise any right by the Portuguese Republic, implied or expressed, to extend the provisions of the Agreement to the so-called ‘Portuguese Overseas Provinces’. The Portuguese Government holds, and continues to colonise the African territories of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau), in violation of the rights of the peoples of these territories to self-determination and freedom and contrary to the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Territories and Peoples, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other pertinent resolutions of United Nations organs. The Federal Republic of Nigeria does not recognise any claim by Portugal to the aforementioned African territories as ‘Portuguese Overseas Provinces’ constituting parts of its own national territory.”

On 10 August and 1 October 1971, respectively, the Secretary-General received similar communications from the Permanent Missions of Uganda and Kenya to the United Nations.