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Mozambique – Illegal issues of postage stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **MOZAMBIQUE** asks me to inform you of the following:

"Our postal administration continues to deplore the fact that illegal issues of postage stamps bearing photographs of 'Bobby Fischer 1943–2008', on the theme of 'History of the 21st century', 'Grandes Mestres do Xadrez (Chess Grandmasters)', are circulating on the international stamp market.

"These unauthorized stamps are illegal and tarnish the country's image.

"The postal administration of Mozambique denounces and condemns such practices and recalls that illegal issues harm the reputation of not only Mozambique Post, but also the philatelic services of other Union member postal administrations.

"These stamps are issued in flagrant violation of the national legislation on the production and sale of stamps, and are contrary to the provisions of article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention and Bucharest Congress resolution C 51/2004, aimed at protecting and safeguarding the image of the country and its postal service by means of the postage stamp.

"The postal administration of Mozambique is counting on the concerted action and solidarity of other postal administrations to take the measures needed to help it identify the perpetrators of these acts and bring them to justice.

"We sincerely thank our philatelic partners, who have always taken a keen interest in Mozambique's stamps and who continue to observe the regulations covering the circulation of philatelic products. We ask them to contact postal administrations whenever necessary to alert them of possible irregularities in stamp issues."

Yours faithfully,

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