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The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Menzies, said today that he regretted the use of force by the Indian Government to pursue its claim to Goa, and other Portuguese territories in India.

Mr. Menzies recognised that Indian public opinion felt strongly about the dispute, which was of long standing. However, it was the responsibility of nations to seek their objectives through legal processes or by peaceful negotiations in accordance with the United Nations Charter. Under the Charter all members have expressly undertaken to refrain from the threat or use of force in their international relations except in self-defence, individual or collective.
