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OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the Korean air liner incident on 1 September 1983, I have the honour to transmit to you the English version of a declaration made that day by the Minister for External Relations of Brazil, His Excellency Mr. Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro:

"1. I have just been informed by the wire services that a South Korean civil air liner was purportedly downed by Soviet military planes. I consider this an extremely serious episode, deserving of repudiation and condemnation. It is imperative for the Soviet authorities to fully clarify the matter, and to take immediate steps to avoid a repetition of this lamentable occurrence. International civil aviation, which is a positive element for peace, linking together the peoples of the world, cannot be left at the mercy of irresponsible acts of this kind.

"2. As we mourn the innocent victims of the incident, we recognize the pressing need for measures to strengthen international confidence and relieve the tension the incident has caused."

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) George A. MACIEL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations