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Note by the Secretary-General

1. Since the issuance of document A/2689 reproducing the replies of Governments containing or referring to comments relating to the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression, the Secretary-General has received the reply of the Government of Argentina, which is reproduced below.

2. The Secretary-General has also received a communication from the Government of Burma, dated 4 September 1954, stating that it had no comments to offer on the aforesaid report.

11. Comments by the Government of Argentina

Note Verbale dated 26 August 1954
from the Permanent Delegation of
Argentina

[Original: Spanish]

The Permanent Delegation of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to letter No. LEG 460/3/02(1) of 2 December 1953 on the question of defining aggression.

The Argentine Government has studied the Special Committee's report and the draft definitions submitted by various delegations. Although it regards these as a praiseworthy effort to solve a very difficult problem, it does not believe that they will lead to a satisfactory solution.

Therefore, consistently with the stand it has taken on previous occasions and, more particularly, with the position adopted by its delegations in the Sixth Committee during the seventh session of the General Assembly, the Argentine Republic still considers it inadvisable to attempt to encompass within a definition a legal situation that is in the process of development. Any definition adopted should be sufficiently broad to include not only the classical concept of armed aggression but other forms also, and particularly indirect forms, such as economic and ideological aggression, in which arms are not employed.