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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Letter dated 1 October 1950 addressed to the Secretary-General
by the Head of the Delegation of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics

New York, 1 October 1950

In presenting my respects to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I have the honour, in connexion with the request of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China,* supported by the delegation of the USSR,** for the inclusion in the agenda of the fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the item "Protest of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China against the violation of Chinese air space by the Air Force of the United States of America and against the machine-gunning and bombing of Chinese territory by that Air Force", to transmit an explanatory note on this item in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

(Signed) A. VYSHINSKY
Head of the Delegation of the USSR

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on the item "Protest of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China against the violation of Chinese air space by the Air Force of the United States of America and against the machine-gunning and bombing of Chinese territory by that Air Force".

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the delegation of the USSR supports the request of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China for the inclusion in the agenda of the fifth session of the General Assembly of the item "Protest of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China against the violation of Chinese air space by the Air Force of the United States of America and against the machine-gunning and bombing of Chinese territory by that Air Force".

This question is an extremely important one and was raised by the Central People's Government of China in a telegram dated 24 September 1950 from Mr. Chou En-lai to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, for transmission to the President of the fifth session of the General Assembly, Mr. Entezam, and the President of the Security Council, Sir Gladwyn Jebb.

The telegram states that, on 22 September 1950, military aircraft of the United States again violated the air space of the People's Republic of China; first they carried out air reconnaissance over Lakushau in the Kuantien county of the Liaotung province of China, and then dropped twelve bombs in the area of the town of Antung in the same province, causing damage in the municipal districts and wounding Chinese civilians. The note points out that this incident is even more serious than the machine-gunning of Chinese territory previously carried out by American aircraft and that this new act of aggression by the United States Air Force is evidence that the number of cases of provocative acts in the form of violation of Chinese air space by the United States Air Force is constantly increasing and shows the determination of the United States to extend the scale of its aggression against China.

In informing the United Nations of the above-mentioned aggressive acts of the United States Air Force, Mr. Chou En-lai, on behalf of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, requests the General Assembly of

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the United Nations immediately to include this question in its agenda and to invite representatives of the People's Republic of China to its session, in order that they may state the views of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China on this question and take part in the discussion of the question in the Assembly and its Committees.

The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China appeals to the General Assembly of the United Nations to recommend immediately that the Security Council take effective measures concerning the question mentioned in Mr. Chou En-lai's telegram.

The communication of the Central People's Government of China concerning the aggressive acts of the United States Air Force in regard to Chinese territory has also received confirmation on the part of the United States Government, which informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 26 September 1950, through the United States representative to the Security Council, that it was possible that the Air Force of the United States of America had violated the Chinese frontier and had dropped bombs in the area of Antung on the night of 22 September.

The above-mentioned continuous hostile acts of the United States Air Force against China constitute a flagrant violation of such important principles of the Charter of the United Nations as the principle of territorial integrity and the principle of the political independence of States, constitute a serious threat to international peace and security, and call for action to be taken by the United Nations.
