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### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

Letter dated 31 December 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the appeal made by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, to the Presidents of Mali and Burkina Faso following the developments that occurred between those two countries on 25 December 1985 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this appeal circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity".

(Signed) Massamba SARRE

ANNEX

Text of the appeal made to the Presidents of Mali and Burkina Faso by the President of the Republic of Senegal, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity

As a result of serious developments, the situation prevailing on the frontier between Burkina Faso and the Republic of Mali has deteriorated to the point of bringing about a confrontation between the armies of the two countries, despite the enlightened initiatives of the Heads of African States who, together with the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, have made numerous efforts to maintain peace in that region and to whom I wish to pay a warm tribute on behalf of all the States and peoples of the continent.

Because that situation - a frontier dispute which is pending before a special chamber of the International Court of Justice and is already on the way to a legal solution - and the prospect of its aggravation are fraught with danger to peace and to the relations between the two countries and their peoples,

Because, furthermore, the Council of Ministers of the Agreement on Non-Aggression and Assistance in Matters of Defence (ANAD) is about to meet on Saturday, 28 December 1985, in order to take all practical measures required in the disputed area,

Lastly, because I know that I can count on the clear-sightedness and wisdom of the two Heads of State of Burkina Faso and Mali,

In my capacity as current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, I hereby make a fraternal appeal to Presidents Thomas Sankara and Moussa Traoré, asking that in the name of our common commitment to the peace, unity and development of Africa, they should accept and order an immediate cease-fire and should refrain from any act or initiative that might contribute directly or indirectly to the maintenance of tension.

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