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LETTER DATED 2 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
SOMALIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring to your immediate attention the following communication regarding further acts of aggression and violation of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity on the part of Ethiopia:

"In complete disregard of the basic principles of international law, the Addis Ababa régime and its foreign allies defiantly persist in their provocative acts of aggression and violation of Somalia's territorial integrity and are deliberately threatening peace and security in the region.

"In continuation of their dangerous policy of aggression and constant provocation, two war-planes bearing Ethiopian markings violated Somalia's air space on 26 December 1978, at 1920 hours (local time), and undertook reconnaissance flights deep into Somali territory over the following towns: Habaas, Hariirad, Borama, Gabiley, Caryo-wal and Arabsiyo.

"On 28 December 1978, at 2100 hours (local time), two military planes bearing Ethiopian markings violated Somalia's air space and made reconnaissance flights over the towns of Tug-Wajalle and Borama. On this occasion, the planes were driven back by the Somali defence force before they were able to cause any casualties.

"Again, on 30 December 1978, at 1130 hours (local time), another Ethiopian air violation took place, this time on the town of Yeet in the region of Bakol, situated in the southern part of the Republic.

"These three violations make the total of 151 major Ethiopian air violations of Somalia's air space since June last.

"As I have already informed your Excellency on earlier occasions, such constant and wanton provocations must be seen as a prelude to an all-out invasion, which, if unhalted, will lead to serious and far-reaching repercussions. In registering again its protest in the strongest terms against such blatant acts of aggression, the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic wishes to draw your attention to the rapidly

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deteriorating situation and considers it necessary that the Security Council be kept abreast of these grave developments."

In view of the foregoing, I request your Excellency to bring this urgent matter to the attention of Member States by circulating this note as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdirizak Haji HUSSEN
Permanent Representative
