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Letter dated 26 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, on behalf of the Missions of the twelve States Members of the European Community, the English and French texts of a statement by the Twelve concerning the destruction of a South Korean civil aircraft on 29 November 1987 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander COUNT YORK
Ambassador

ANNEX

Statement by the Twelve concerning the destruction of a
South Korean civil aircraft on 29 November 1987

The Twelve take note of the findings of the Korean authorities' investigation into the destruction of Korean Air flight 858 on 29 November 1987 and of the indications available at present implicating a North Korean woman in this incident.

The Twelve deeply regret the tragic loss of 115 lives. They have repeatedly expressed their strongest condemnation of terrorist acts against civil aviation.

They vigorously condemn this particularly despicable attack against a Korean civil aircraft and wish to draw the attention of relevant international fora to this incident.

They express the hope that the situation on the Korean peninsula will not be affected by this criminal act.
