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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1976 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES, a.i., OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to the message from the Chargé d'affaires, a.i., of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council and circulated as document S/12124 of 5 July 1976.

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit the following information to clarify Kenya's position regarding the allegations against Kenya contained in the message under reference. There is no evidence whatsoever to indicate my country's collaboration with Israel in the Entebbe episode as alleged in the Ugandan statement. Kenya has not and will not be used as a base for aggression against a neighbouring or indeed any other country in the world, least of all Uganda, which Kenya has consistently assisted with supplies since Uganda's coup d'état in 1971.

The Israeli aggressors must have overflowed a number of countries, both Arab and African, on their way to Entebbe, Uganda. This was definitely done without either the consent or knowledge of those countries. Moreover, they overflowed Ugandan territory before and after landing at Entebbe airport. If in the process they overflowed Kenya's territory, as is being alleged, then Kenya, too, was the victim of aggression and therefore condemns most unreservedly this blatant aggression and violation of our air space.

However, the landing of the Israeli aircraft at Nairobi airport after the Israeli raid was only allowed following a last minute request for medical facilities with respect to the injured persons. Thus, Kenya's assistance in this regard was given purely on humanitarian grounds and in accordance with international law. Kenya cannot therefore be held responsible in any manner or form for collaborating with those forces hostile to Africa.

Suffice it to state that some States should not see in every neighbouring State an enemy. Kenya stands firmly in the support of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity. In that respect, we observe and adhere scrupulously to the principles of the sovereign equality of all Member States; non-interference in the internal affairs of States; and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State and its inalienable right to independent existence.

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I should emphasize my country's abhorrence and repugnance at the loss of human life, particularly when such acts are perpetrated on and in a neighbouring sister State. Few nations in the world can surpass the supreme sacrifice Kenya suffered in both human and material terms in her struggle for independence and nationhood.

I would appreciate it if this information were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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