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TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit to him herewith a message addressed to him by His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

The Mission would be most grateful to the Secretary-General if he would have this message circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

The Israeli raid against the Republic of Uganda is a violation of the territorial integrity of and an act of aggression against the sovereignty of a country which is a Member of the United Nations. This act cannot but arouse the indignation of the non-aligned countries and constitutes a dangerous precedent in the conduct of international relations, opening the way to all kinds of adventures. It assumes the character of a deliberate violation in which the lives of innocent hostages can be nothing but a pretext. Moreover, the effort undertaken by President Idi Amin Dada had made possible the release of many hostages and was aimed at securing that of the remaining ones. The brutal aggression, far from saving human lives, has resulted in numerous casualties in addition to the destruction of the infrastructure of the Entebbe Airport and of aircraft that were on the ground.

The circumstances in which this attack took place bear witness to a stubborn determination on the part of the Israeli authorities to expand the scope of their aggression day by day and to try to systematize State terrorism.

The non-aligned countries denounce this flagrant aggression, which is assuming the aspect of a veritable provocation against the countries of the third world and the community of nations as a whole.

The United Nations and the Security Council in particular should condemn this act of war and take all measures to issue a solemn warning to the aggressors so that such conduct can no longer be engaged in with impunity and will not result in a process of deterioration which would be seriously prejudicial to peace and international security.

(Signed) Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the  
People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

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