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LETTER DATED 30 AUGUST 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that on 10 August 1976, an Ethiopian military boat violated the Yemen Arab Republic territorial waters near the port of Mocha. The Ethiopian military boat stopped a Yemeni sailboat in the Yemeni territorial sea and forced the sailboat to proceed to the port of Asab. The Yemeni sailboat was carrying a commercial cargo from the coast of Dankal in the French Somali coast and seven Yemeni sailors.

On 18 August 1976, another Ethiopian military boat violated the Yemen Arab Republic territorial waters at Gazirat Hanash. The boat made a landing on the Yemeni Hanash Island and apprehended three Yemeni fishermen: Husain Yahya Abkar, Mohamed Fatini and Ahmed Yahya Zaeem.

These two incidents form a flagrant act of aggression and a distinct violation of the sovereignty of the Yemen Arab Republic. In view of the traditional good neighbourly relations which have happily existed between the two friendly countries, the Yemen Government has, therefore, requested that the sailboat and the seven sailors along with the three Yemeni fishermen be released immediately and that an Ethiopian pledge be officially issued to the effect that such an act of aggression, which is in violation of the basic principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, will not be repeated.

I should be grateful if you would transmit the above-mentioned message to all members of the Security Council as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed A. SALLAM
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and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Yemen Arab Republic
to the United Nations