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LETTER DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward to you
the enclosed statement and to request that it be circulated as a document of
the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla S. ASHTAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by an official spokesman for
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

On Wednesday, 24 November 1976, at 11.30 a.m. Aden time, Iranian fighter planes, stationed at air bases inside Oman, provocatively crossed the border and violated the air space of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen over the eastern district of the Sixth Province. Consequently, our ground forces shot down one of the intruding planes inside our territory.

The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen has not only been threatened and endangered by the Iranian military forces in Oman but it has also been subjected to acts of provocation and aggression by those forces. This latest encroachment on our sovereignty comes after repeated violations of our air space by Iranian spy planes, as well as Iranian jet fighters which have been bombarding our installations and villages and terrorizing our people. Furthermore, the Iranian armed forces and navy have repeatedly massed troops and naval ships along our eastern border and territorial waters, thus creating tension and endangering peace and security in our region.

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, while drawing the attention of the Security Council to the latest Iranian act of provocation and aggression, in contravention to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, reserves its right to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity.
