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LETTER DATED 8 DECEMBER 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF SEYCHELLES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that on 25 November 1981 the Republic of Seychelles was invaded by 45 mercenaries who landed at Seychelles international airport.

The invaders, who came from South Africa, immediately launched an attack at the airport, inflicting heavy damage, and took hostages. The invaders were repulsed by the Seychelles defence forces. In panic, those invaders who were not captured and detained fled by hijacking an Air India aircraft, which they commandeered to South Africa.

In view of the threat to international peace and security the situation poses, I have the honour to request that the Security Council be convened urgently to consider the matter and take appropriate action.

(<u>Signed</u>) Giovinella GONTHIER Chargé d'Affaires