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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 21 January 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I wish to refer to the letter dated 18 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Somalia addressed to you (A/37/69), conveying once again the usual unfounded and self-serving charges against Ethiopia.

Upon instructions from my Government, I hereby categorically deny all the malicious charges contained in the above-cited letter and reaffirm the unswerving desire of Ethiopia to live in peace and harmony with all its neighbours.

It should be noted that such baseless charges have become the cornerstone of the future propaganda emanating from Mogadishu against the national unity and territorial integrity of Ethiopia. Though patently unadulterated lies, these repeated charges are primarily aimed at influencing decisions in certain capitals to speed up the delivery of sophisticated military weapons promised to the Government in Mogadishu.

Clearly, this latest ploy is designed with an eye to the planned visit to Washington next March by the President of Somalia, who is certain to bring along with him a long shopping list of military hardware, which the people of Somalia hardly need and can ill afford.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Alemayehu SEIFU
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