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LETTER OF 30 JUNE 1950 TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSMITTING
THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE ON 29 JUNE 1950 BY THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BELGIUM
TO THE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES

Further to my letter of 29 June 1950 (document S/1519), I have the honour
to communicate the attached statement which was made, on the same date, to the
Chamber of Representatives by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium.

(signed) F. van LANGENHOVE,
Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations

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STATEMENT MADE TO THE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES ON 29 JUNE 1950
BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BELGIUM

Grave events affecting the peace of the world have recently taken place in the Far East. The Belgian Government has been duly informed of them. On the one hand, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has communicated to it the Security Council resolutions adopted following the aggression against the Republic of Korea. On the other hand, the Government of the United States has kept it informed of the action taken by that country within the framework of those resolutions. The Belgian Government can do no other than express its reprobation regarding the armed attack launched against the Republic of Korea, a state which it recognized last August and with which it maintains diplomatic relations. One of the supreme objectives of the foreign policy of the Belgian Government is the maintenance of peace. We attach the highest importance to the prestige and efficacy of the United Nations of which Belgium has always been, and in the present circumstances feels itself more than ever to be, a loyal member. It is for this reason that we approve without reservation the action taken by the Government of the United States to ensure the implementation of the Security Council resolutions designed to restore peace in the Pacific area and, more particularly, in Korea south of the 38th parallel. The Security Council has adopted two resolutions. The resolution of 25 June, after calling for the cessation of hostilities, calls upon the authorities of North Korea to withdraw their armed forces to the 38th parallel and requests all Members of the United Nations to render every assistance to the United Nations in the execution of the resolution.

The resolution of 27 June notes that the authorities in North Korea have neither ceased hostilities nor withdrawn their armed forces to the 38th parallel, and that urgent military measures are required to restore international peace and security. Having noted the appeal from the Republic of Korea to the United Nations, the Security Council recommends that the Members of the United Nations furnish such assistance as may be necessary to repel the armed attack and to restore international peace and security in the area. The resolutions of the Security Council were adopted in application of the Charter of the United Nations. That Charter has been ratified by Belgium. Our country intends to respect all the obligations it has assumed. We immediately established close contact on this matter with the two countries with which we are associated in BENELUX. The Belgian Government is ready to respond to the United Nations appeal and to render such assistance as it may be called upon to furnish, in accordance with the Security Council resolution.

These resolutions of the Security Council were adopted in application of the Charter of the United Nations. That Charter has been ratified by Belgium. Our country intends to respect all the obligations it has assumed.

We have also made a point of immediately establishing close contact on this matter with the two countries with which we are associated in BENELUX, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The Belgian Government is therefore ready to respond to the United Nations appeal and to render such assistance as it may be called upon to furnish in accordance with the Security Council resolution.

