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OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a statement made by the official spokesman of the Government of India on 7 September 1983 regarding the shooting down of the Korean airliner and to request that this be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

Annex

Text of the statement made by the official spokesman of the
Government of India on 7 September 1983 on the shooting
down of the Korean airliner

We are shocked to learn of the shooting down of the Korean passenger airliner. We deeply deplore the incident which has led to the loss of many innocent lives. The full facts of the incident have not yet been clearly established. We do not understand how the plane was so far off course for so long or how it could not have been identified as a civilian aircraft. We believe that care and restraint should be shown in such cases.

In an atmosphere of growing international tension surcharged with suspicion there is always a risk of even an error leading to calamity.

In an over-armed world where technology is ever more alarmingly used such risks are of far-reaching consequence. The international community must urgently address itself to removing the causes of mistrust and confrontation.
