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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit hereunder the text of the statement made on 9 September 1983 by L. Lkhagva, Chief of the Mongolian Central Civil Aviation Board, on the item currently under consideration before the Security Council.

"The anti-Soviet action with the use of the South Korean plane is a gross violation of the provisions of the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation and the commonly recognized principles of international law. The allegations of the Western mass media that responsibility for the wreck of that plane should be borne by the Soviet side look absurd.

"Every unbiased person realizes that it is the American side, which sent a civilian plane into Soviet air space with intelligence purposes, that bears responsibility for its wreck. Stopping the flight of the intruder plane, the Soviet side acted in accordance with the interests of ensuring the security of its State borders. Any other country would act in a similar way because it is the sovereign right of every State to protect its borders."

I should be grateful if you would kindly have the text of this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) L. ERDENECHULUUN  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.