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

I have the honour to transmit to you as follows the text of a statement made by the Tunisian Government following the destruction of the South Korean civilian airliner on 31 August 1983.

"The Tunisian Government has just learnt with profound shock of the destruction of the South Korean civilian airliner, in which many people lost their lives. While emphasizing that nothing could justify such a mistake, the Tunisian Government deeply regrets this tragedy which plunges international civil aviation into mourning and the magnitude of which could have far-reaching international repercussions. The Minister for Foreign Affairs has, moreover, extended the condolences of the Tunisian Government to the Governments of countries whose nationals were among the 269 innocent victims of the incident, in particular the Government of South Korea and that of the United States of America, over 50 of whose nationals were among the victims."

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

(Signed) Taïeb SLIM
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative