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of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of  
America: revised draft resolution

The Security Council,

Having considered the letters dated 1 September 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America (S/15947), the Permanent Observer of the Republic of Korea (S/15948), the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Canada (S/15949) and the Permanent Representative of Japan (S/15950), and the letter dated 2 September 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Australia (S/15951),

Gravely disturbed that a civil air liner of the Korean Airlines on an international flight was shot down by Soviet military aircraft, with the loss of all 269 people on board,

Expressing its sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the incident, and urging all parties concerned, as a humanitarian gesture, to assist them in dealing with the consequences of this tragedy,

Reaffirming the rules of international law that prohibit acts of violence which pose a threat to the safety of international civil aviation,

Recognizing the importance of the principle of territorial integrity as well as the necessity that only internationally agreed procedures should be used in response to intrusions into the airspace of a State,

Stressing the need for a full and adequate explanation of the facts of the incident based upon impartial investigation,

Recognizing the right under international law to appropriate compensation,

1. Deeply deplores the destruction of the Korean air liner and the tragic loss of civilian life therein;

2. Declares that such use of armed force against international civil aviation is incompatible with the norms governing international behaviour and elementary considerations of humanity;
  3. Urges all States to comply with the aims and objectives of the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation;
  4. Welcomes the decision to convene an urgent meeting of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization to consider the Korean air liner incident;
  5. Urges all States to co-operate fully with the International Civil Aviation Organization in efforts to strengthen the safety of international civil aviation and to prevent any recurrence of such use of armed force against international civil aviation;
  6. Invites the Secretary-General, making use of such expert advice as he deems necessary and in consultation with appropriate international bodies, to conduct a full investigation into the circumstances of the tragedy;
  7. Further invites the Secretary-General to report his findings to the Security Council within 14 days;
  8. Calls upon all States to lend their fullest co-operation to the Secretary-General in order to facilitate his investigation pursuant to the present resolution;
  9. Decides to remain seized of the issue.
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