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OF AUSTRIA 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 by His Excellency Mr. Erwin Lanc, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, at the Madrid follow-up Conference to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe on 8 September 1983:

"The serious lack of confidence between East and West has recently been highlighted by a particularly tragic event, the shooting down of a South Korean civilian air liner which had deviated from its course. This event overshadows our present meeting.

"The entire civilized world is struck with horror about the loss of 269 innocent human lives. A thorough investigation is required to fully clarify the circumstances of this catastrophe. The international community justly demands such an investigation and the punishment of those responsible as well as appropriate compensation.

"We unequivocally condemn what has happened. For the future we must, with the assistance of the competent international organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization, endeavour to take effective measures to prevent a recurrence of such horrible events.

"This terrible incident also proves how easily uncontrollable actions and reactions can occur. It strengthens Austria's conviction that concrete steps are urgently needed in order to reduce tensions in the military field and to decrease the danger of surprise attacks and of errors."

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

(Signed) Karl FISCHER  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Austria  
to the United Nations