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Letter dated 28 October 1983 from the Permanent Representative of India
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a communiqué adopted by the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on 28 October 1983 regarding the situation in Grenada, and to request that this be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 142, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

ANNEX

Communiqué adopted at the conclusion of an urgent session of the
Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries, held at United
Nations Headquarters in New York on 26 and 28 October 1983

1. At an urgent session held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 26 and 28 October 1983, the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries expressed its grave concern at the latest developments in Grenada, a member of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. It noted that these developments constituted a threat to international peace and security.
2. In this context, the Bureau recalled that the Heads of State or Government of non-aligned countries, meeting at their seventh summit at New Delhi in March 1983, had expressed their concern at the continuing colonialist policies and the increasing economic pressure, threats and aggression in the Caribbean region. They had urged all States to scrupulously refrain from all acts of aggression, recourse to the use or threat of force and intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States. They had further reaffirmed the right of all peoples of the region to national self-determination, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and their right to choose their own political, economic and social systems and pursue their own economic development free from any type of external interference or pressure.
3. The Bureau also recalled that the efforts of the States members of the non-aligned movement had culminated in the adoption by the General Assembly of the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention and Interference in the Internal Affairs of States (resolution 36/103). It reiterated the call, made at the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, upon all States to adhere to the Declaration and observe its principles in their dealings with other States.
4. The Bureau further recalled that the Heads of State or Government meeting at New Delhi had "condemned the covert and overt actions and the political and economic pressures being exerted by imperialist forces against Grenada" (see A/38/132-S/15675, annex, sect. I (Political declaration), para. 153). It also recalled that the Ministerial Meeting of Non-Aligned Countries, held in New York from 4 to 7 October 1983, had reaffirmed solidarity with the Government of Grenada in its efforts to preserve its sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of political and economic pressures and efforts at destabilization directed against it.
5. The Bureau deeply deplored the brutal assassination of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and other high Grenadian officials.

6. The Bureau condemned the armed intervention in Grenada, which constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of that State. It called for an immediate cessation of intervention and the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Grenada. It reaffirmed its firm solidarity with Grenada and called on all States to respect its sovereign and inalienable right freely to determine its own political, economic and social system and to develop its international relations without outside intervention, interference, subversion, coercion or threat in any form whatsoever.
