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LETTER DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council of the United Nations and has the honour to bring to his attention a copy of a cable from the Minister for External Affairs of Equatorial Guinea concerning the manner in which the Gabonese Government has carried out its enlargement of its territorial waters.

In bringing this cable to the attention of the President of the Security Council, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea expresses the wish that the text in question should be considered an official document and circulated to all the members of the Security Council and at the same time requests an immediate meeting of that important body.

(Signed) Primo José ESONO MICA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

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Very urgent

Permanent Representative of Equatorial
Guinea to the United Nations
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Please communicate urgently with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to action by the Security Council under Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter, because of the fact that the Government of Gabon, after extending its territorial waters to 170 miles on 23 August, has invaded all of the islands of Equatorial Guinea: Elobey Grande, Elobey Chico, Corisco and the islands adjacent to its province of Rio Muni. The four guards who were guarding the island and 24 Guineans from Corisco have been arrested, ill-treated, tortured, bound and fettered like animals. During this week the Gabonese Government has placed its warships in the Rio Muni estuary and around the islands. Our vessels which connect Kogo and Corisco have all been sunk. For lack of communication with the islands we do not know the fate of their inhabitants following this clear act of aggression. The Government of Equatorial Guinea requests the immediate intervention of the Security Council so that the Gabonese Government will withdraw its forces from the territorial waters of Equatorial Guinea. The Gabonese Government has violated the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Charter. Please acknowledge receipt. Greetings.

Minister for External Affairs
of Equatorial Guinea
