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LETTER DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 1960 FROM THE MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to confirm the contents of the cables which my Government addressed to you on 20 and 24 August 1960 requesting the admission of the Republic of Senegal to membership in the United Nations.

Following the proclamation of our independence, the Republic of Senegal unanimously adopted a new constitution on 25 August 1960 and has established all the institutions necessary to enable it fully to exercise its national and international responsibilities. The President of the Republic was unanimously elected by the representatives of the people meeting in Congress on 5 September 1960. The Government was unanimously invested by the Assembly on 6 September 1960.

The Republic of Senegal, having thus acceded to full and complete independence, wishes, as already stated, to assume all its new international responsibilities and to co-operate in the activities of the United Nations community.

I have the honour to request you, with due regard to Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, to place the candidature of the Republic of Senegal before the Security Council, with a view to obtaining the necessary recommendation for the matter to be placed on the agenda of the present session of the General Assembly.

The Government of the Republic of Senegal hereby declares that it accepts the obligations stipulated in the Charter of the United Nations and that it is able to discharge them. It solemnly undertakes to abide by those obligations with absolute loyalty and good faith.

I have the honour to be etc.,

(Signed) DOUDOU THIAM  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Senegal