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OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In view of the tense situation which has arisen in the Caribbean region as a result of the well-known activities of the United States with respect to the Dominican Republic, which creates a threat to peace and security, I consider it necessary to draw your attention to the following.

In August 1960, at the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States in San José, it was decided that the States members of the OAS should apply diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Dominican Republic. On 26 August 1960, the Secretary-General of the OAS communicated to the United Nations Security Council information on the measures adopted with regard to the Dominican Republic, which was issued as a Security Council document (S/4476).

At its meetings on 8 and 9 September 1960, the Security Council considered the question of those measures and took note of the above-mentioned communication from the Secretary-General of the OAS. Until February 1961 the OAS continued to furnish the Security Council with information on the practical steps taken by that regional organization to apply the said measures against the Dominican Republic (Security Council documents S/4628 of 16 January and S/4647 of 30 January 1961).

Having regard to the fact that, according to the available information, the OAS is still concerned with the above question and bearing in mind Articles 53 and 54 of the United Nations Charter, the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations considers it essential that the Security Council should be given full information on the activities of the OAS in this connexion without delay.

At the same time I consider it necessary to draw attention to the completely abnormal situation created by the fact that, despite the concern expressed during the recent debate in the Security Council over United States activities with respect to the Dominican Republic, the United States Government is continuing to

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engage in these unilateral activities, which constitute direct interference in the internal affairs of a State Member of the United Nations, are prejudicial to the interests of the Dominican people and represent a threat to peace and security in the Caribbean region.

I have the honour to be, etc.

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USSR to the United Nations

