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OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE**

Letter dated 7 August 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, in English and French, the statement on Ethiopia issued on 2 August 1990 in Rome and Brussels by the Twelve States members of the European Community (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 89 (b) of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Mario SCIALOJA
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ANNEX

Statement issued on 2 August 1990 by the Twelve on Ethiopia
relief operations through Massawa

The Community and its member States regret that a ship carrying a World Food Programme technical team to survey Massawa Port has been refused permission to dock.

These sentiments have been communicated to the representative of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front in Washington with a strong call to co-operate in the utilization of the Port of Massawa for the supply of aid to the people of Northern Ethiopia.

The Community and its member States hope that all the parties concerned in this humanitarian effort will agree on an operational plan for the distribution of food relief through Massawa.
