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SOMALIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to append below the text of a telegram transmitted by Jaalle Major-General Mohamed Siad Barre, President of the Somali Democratic Republic, to His Excellency Field-Marshal Idi Amin Dada, President of Uganda, on the Israeli aggression against the Republic of Uganda on 3-4 July 1976, and to request that the text be circulated as a document of the Security Council:

"Eye have followed with great shock and dismay the dastardly act of aggression perpetrated by the troops of Zionist Israeli terrorists and imperialist forces at Entebbe Airport on July 4, 1976 stop This barbarous action is an unprecedented and direct attack on the Republic of Uganda and its Government stop It also constitutes an arrogant insult to the dignity of Africa and mankind as a whole and contravenes all norms of international behaviour and conduct stop Africa and the international community must draw the necessary conclusion from this shameful act and take the appropriate action so that it may not be repeated comma for it may happen to any one of us stop It must be therefore vigorously condemned by all men of conscience and the international community as a whole stop The wanton killing of many innocent people by the Zionist agents and the destruction of Ugandan property comma including its main airport are but an example of the natures of zionism and its role in the Middle East comma a menace and a serious threat to international peace and security stop The legitimate struggle of the Arab people of Palestine to regain their homeland and the Arab nation to liberate the Zionist occupied territories shall not be stopped by these acts of terrorism and shall continue until final and complete victory is achieved stop The shameful statement made by the Prime Minister of Israel stating that in support of this operation it was Israel's 'contribution to the fight against terrorism comma a fight that has not ended' must be a lesson to the Arab nations for the Palestinian fight for liberation cannot be equated with terrorism stop In their struggle the Palestinians have always shown a deep respect for human lives and have always spared the lives of the innocent for in this case they could have blown up the aircraft stop In conclusion eye should like to offer to you comma Dear Brother comma and through you to the Government and people of Uganda comma on behalf of the Central Committee of

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the Socialist Party comma people and Government of the Somali Democratic Republic our militant support and solidarity and our deep and sincere condolence for the loss of many Ugandan lives in the shameful episode stop Their memory will be a guiding torch for us all stop Peace be upon their souls stop".

(Signed) Abdirizak Haji HUSSEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations
