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Letter dated 18 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Somalia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have received instructions from my Government to inform you that, on 17 January 1982, at 1300 hours local time, Ethiopian forces attacked the town of Buuhodle and the village of Dharkeyngeenyo in the Somali Democratic Republic. Both the town and the village were looted, set on fire and heavily damaged. Buuhodle was occupied by the Ethiopian forces for a number of hours.

Among those killed by the Ethiopian forces were the Vice-Chairman of the District Committee of Buuhodle and his son. Also, the District Commissioner of Buuhodle was kidnapped.

It is most likely that these attacks are a prelude to a wide-scale attack on the territory of the Somali Democratic Republic, and there is evidence that Ethiopia is supported by a number of foreign powers in its aggression against Somalia.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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to the United Nations