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Letter dated 20 September from the Permanent Representative of Somalia
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have been instructed by my Government to bring to your immediate attention the following acts of aggression carried out by Ethiopian Air and Land Forces against the Somali Democratic Republic.

On 15 September 1985 at 0600 hours, concerted attacks were launched against populated areas of the Awdal, Mudugh and North-West Regions of the Somali Republic. Ethiopian artillery supported by an aerial bombardment from Ethiopian military aircraft shelled several villages in the border vicinity in the North-West Region causing the following casualties:

<u>Village</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
Goroyo Auwl	3	12
Dila	2	5
Tog Wajaaleh	1	4

On 16 September 1985 at 1230 four Ethiopian aircraft bombed and strafed the village of Abud-Waaq in the GalGaduud province. This attack resulted in the death of 17 villagers, injury to 15 others and the destruction of 35 houses as well as the village water pumping station. On the same day, Ethiopian artillery shelled the village of Allaybaday in the North-West Region.

These murderous attacks against civilian populations are characteristic of the brutal nature of the Addis Ababa régime and of its contempt for human life and international law. The dangerous course on which that régime has embarked is a

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threat to regional and international peace and security. If these aggressive acts are not halted, Ethiopia will be responsible for whatever consequences may follow.

It should be pointed out that the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, which was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, calls for the scrupulous observance of United Nations Charter principles, including respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States and the non-use of force in international relations.

In view of the urgency and gravity of the situation, my Government requests that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 72, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdillahi SAID OSMAN
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative to the
United Nations
