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LETTER DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1960 FROM THE FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Sir,

As stated in document S/4476 dated 1 September 1960, the Organization of American States (OAS), at a meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the States members of the OAS held on 20 August 1960, adopted a resolution condemning the acts of aggression and intervention committed against the Republic of Venezuela by the anti-popular Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic. The resolution provides for the application of enforcement action against this regime including the breaking of diplomatic relations of the member States of the OAS, and partial interruption of economic relations, with the Dominican Republic.

On the basis of Article 53 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council should consider this question and endorse the decision of the Organization of American States, in that it is designed to remove the threat to peace and security created by the actions of the Dominican authorities. Article 53 of the United Nations Charter provides that the Security Council shall utilize "regional arrangements or agencies for enforcement action under its authority" and that "no enforcement action shall be taken under regional arrangements or by regional agencies without the authorization of the Security Council".

In consideration of the foregoing I have the honour to request you, on behalf of the Soviet Government, immediately to convene a meeting of the Security Council for the purpose of considering the decision taken by the Organization of American States concerning the Dominican Republic and with a view to the speedy adoption by the Council of an appropriate resolution.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) V. KUZNETSOV  
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the USSR

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