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THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 2 September 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the resolution adopted at the ministerial meeting of the Ethiopia-Somalia Good Offices Committee held at Lagos, Nigeria, from 18 to 20 August 1980.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this text as an official document of the General Assembly under item 50 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Mohamed Hamid IBRAHIM
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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

The Ethiopia-Somalia Good-Offices Committee, meeting at Ministerial level in Lagos, from 18 to 20 August;

Seriously concerned with the present deterioration of relations between the sister countries of Ethiopia and Somalia, particularly with respect to the great losses of human life and property and the instability in the region;

Having heard the statements made by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Somalia and the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia;

Recalling the need for all member States to respect scrupulously the principles stated in Article 3 of the Organization of African Unity Charter in particular;

Recalling the various OAU resolutions relating to Intra-African disputes and particularly resolution AHG/Res.16(I) which states solemnly, inter alia, that all states undertake to respect the borders existing at the time of their accession to independence and, in this context, recognizing that the disputed region of Ogaden is an integral part of Ethiopia;

Recalling further, OAU resolution AHG/Res.27(II) of the OAU which solemnly enjoins OAU member States:

- Not to tolerate in conformity with Article 3 Paragraph 5 of the Charter, of any subversion originating in their countries against another member state of the Organization of African Unity;
- Not to create dissension within or among member states by fomenting or aggravating or supporting racial, religious, linguistic, ethnic or other differences;

Concerned that all previous recommendations of the Committee for the solution of the conflict have not so far yielded any positive result;

Recommends that an indispensable condition for the settlement of the dispute can only be achieved by the recognition, affirmation, implementation and application by both sides to the dispute of the following OAU principles of:

- A) Respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States.
- B) Non-interference in the internal affairs of States.
- C) Peaceful settlement of dispute by negotiation, mediation and conciliation or arbitration.
- D) The strongest possible opposition to any encouragement of subversion against the Government of another member state.
- E) Inviolability of frontiers of member states as attained at the time of independence.

Further recommends taking the necessary measures capable of normalising the relations between the two countries starting with the restoration of diplomatic relations and in that context, seeking to resolve all problems obtaining between the two countries.
