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Letter dated 25 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Referring to the letter dated 20 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Somalia to Your Excellency (A/40/671-S/17484), and upon instruction from my Government, I should like to make the following remarks:

1. No act of aggression has been committed against Somalia by Ethiopian air or land forces on 15 or 16 September or indeed at any other time. I, therefore, totally and unequivocally reject the unfounded charges contained in the above-mentioned letter from the Permanent Representative of Somalia.
2. The international community is aware, on the other hand, that the people of Somalia who are opposed to the dictatorial régime of Siad Barre have, for several years now, been engaged in armed rebellion against tyranny. That the Moqadicio régime indulges in all types of manoeuvres, particularly prior to or during the course of major international or regional conferences, with a view to diverting world attention from its internal difficulties arising out of the ongoing civil war, is equally known. The reasons for the present baseless allegations by Somalia against my country, too, can be understood only in that context.
3. Socialist Ethiopia has always steadfastly adhered to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity as well as to those enunciated by the Non-Aligned Movement while strictly observing the letter and spirit of their decisions, declarations and resolutions. She will continue to do so.

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Furthermore, socialist Ethiopia is convinced that similar attitudes on the part of all Member States cannot but enhance the prospects for genuine international and/or regional peace and security.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative to
the United Nations

