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**Letter dated 26 November 1991 from the Permanent
Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

In view of the grave and dangerous situation faced by the Republic of Djibouti **as** a result **of** the foreign invasion and continuing attacks in the north of the country **since** mid-November, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter **addressed** to you by the **Minister** for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the **Republic** of Djibouti, Mr. **Moumin Bahdon Farah**.

I should be grateful **if** you would have this letter and its annex **distributed** as a document of the General **Assembly**, under agenda items 36, 65, **88**, 69, 125 and 135, and **of** the Security Council.

(Signed) Roble OLHAYE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 26 November 1991 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs and Cooperation of Djibouti addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you of the situation currently prevailing in the Republic of Djibouti.

For some weeks now, the Republic of Djibouti has been facing an armed aggression from abroad, and last week the north of the country was the scene of clashes between Djibouti's national army and the aggressors.

Some 5,000 attackers, heavily armed and driving military vehicles, are trying to seize the northern towns of Obock and Tadjourah.

These attackers are in fact mercenaries who have infiltrated the country and who belonged formerly to the highly trained Ethiopian militia, originally created to fight the guerrilla forces in Eritrea.

The Republic of Djibouti has always sought to encourage dialogue for settling conflicts. The guiding principles of its policy have been peace and stability in the subregion.

Domestically, Djibouti has constantly safeguarded good relations and stability between its various communities.

Nevertheless, in its concern to safeguard its unity and territorial integrity, the Republic of Djibouti will not allow itself to be destabilized by foreign elements seeking to realise the old dream of "Greater Afaria", which involves uniting the areas inhabited by the Afars, northern Djibouti, Aoussa (Ethiopia) and Assab (Eritrea).

I hope that this information will give you a better understanding of the aggression faced by the Republic of Djibouti. I shall keep you informed of developments through our Permanent Representative.

Moumin Bahdon Farah
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Cooperation