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PERMANENT MISSION OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to associate my Government with the request, made by the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, for the urgent convening of a meeting of the Security Council to consider the facts and serious implications of the destruction on 31 August 1983, by the air force of the Soviet Union, of the Boeing 747 passenger aircraft of Korean Airlines.

The Government of Canada deplores the destruction of this unarmed civil aircraft and the killing of innocent passengers, including a number of Canadians. These actions are flagrant and unacceptable violations of the norms and practices of international civil aviation and international law.

I would request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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