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OF AUSTRALIA 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 effects 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 Australia deplores this as an action incompatible with civilized behaviour between States. Quite apart from the general principles involved in the matter the Australian Government's concern was heightened by the fact that Australian citizens were on board the aircraft at the time of its destruction.

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

(Signed) Lance JOSEPH
Acting Permanent Representative
