

Greetings: Chairman, Secretary-General, distinguished guests, and fellow delegates. This year, as we open the tenth session of these United Nations, we, the nations of the world, are faced with many serious problems. There is unrest in the Middle East, oppression in South Africa, and serious aggression in the Horn of Africa.

We ourselves have borne the worst of this unwarranted aggression. The Somalis have attacked our country savagely and without reason. They use our people as an excuse to take our land by force. We have held the Somalis back, with the help of some of our generous and wise fellow nations. The leaders of the Soviet Union and Cuba plainly see Somalia for what she is: an unethical, land-hungry aggressor. They stopped their support of her violence. Ethiopia calls upon the nations assembled here to realize the truth of Somalia's aggression, and to withhold all aid.

The Ethiopian Nation has been badly scarred as a result of the Somalis' war. Our border towns have been bombed and mortared; much of our land is in ruins. We are spending our resources defending ourselves, yet we must have funds to rebuild. We will need UN aid to rebuild our shattered cities and make our farmlands usable again. Ethiopia must have UN funds to rehouse her people, to rebuild her factories, and to repair her precious agriculture.

