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COMMUNICATION FROM THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

To the Secretary-General.

Addis Ababa, April 4th, 1936.

(Translation)

The Ethiopian Government protests in the most formal manner to all the States Members of the League against the attack on Addis Ababa by five Italian military aircraft this morning at about 8 o'clock. During the attack numerous shots were fired from machine-guns from a very low height. As the town is completely devoid of troops and of means of defence, so that enemy aircraft have been able to fly over it at a very low height with impunity, this hostile act constitutes an act of aggression against an open town and affords incontestable proof of the enemy's intention to bombard it in flagrant violation of Article 25 of the regulations laid down in the Hague Convention No. IV of 1907.

> (Signed) BELATENGUETA HEROUY, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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