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Note to Press on the Report in relation to the investigation into the death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him

The Secretary-General this morning transmitted to the General Assembly, the report of Mr. Chief Justice (Ret'd) Othman of Tanzania, in relation to the investigation into the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him on flight SE -BDY. The report includes a set of recommendations on the way forward. The aircraft carrying the former Secretary-General and his party crashed near Ndola on the night of 17-18 September 1961.

Speaking on the release of the report, the Permanent Representative of Sweden, Ambassador Olof Skoog, said:

“We welcome Mr Othman’s report and the Secretary-General’s recommendations on the way forward. Major progress has been made in the investigation in recent years and we now have a unique opportunity to shed light on what happened in September 1961.”

The Ambassador continued:

“Sweden will push for a new resolution in the General Assembly in the autumn to move forward on the recommendations. We must act quickly and decisively as time is not on our side.”

The report is available online at the UN’s Official Document System at (<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N17/292/68/pdf/N1729268.pdf?OpenElement>) as document number A/71/1042.

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