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LETTER DATED 24 DECEMBER 1951 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF LIBYA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF LIBYA FOR  
ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND A DECLARATION  
ACCEPTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER

Tripoli, 24 December 1951

Sir,

By Resolution 289(IV) of 21 November 1949, adopted in pursuance of Annex XI, paragraph 3 of the Treaty of Peace with Italy, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations recommended that Libya, comprising Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan shall be constituted an independent and sovereign state, and that this independence shall become effective not later than 1 January 1952. It was provided in particular "that upon its establishment as an independent state, Libya shall be admitted to the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter". The provisions of Resolution 289 (IV) were confirmed by Resolution 387 (V) adopted by the General Assembly on 17 November 1950.

Full effect has now been given to both these Resolutions, with the valuable assistance of the United Nations Commissioner in Libya and the Council for Libya, and following the promulgation of the Libyan Constitution on 7th October 1951 and the completion of the transfer of powers by the Administering Powers on 24 December 1951, the United Kingdom of Libya was declared a free and independent sovereign state under the Crown of H.M. Mohamad Mahdi Al Senussi who was declared Constitutional King of Libya by the National Constituent Assembly.

I have the honour therefore to apply on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya for membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter. I am transmitting to you herewith a declaration made in a formal instrument, that Libya accepts the obligations contained in the Charter and undertakes to carry them out.

May I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you the assurance of my highest esteem.

(Signed) MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The United Kingdom of Libya hereby  
accepts the obligations contained in the Charter  
of the United Nations and solemnly undertakes  
fully and faithfully to carry out each and every  
of the provisions thereof.

(Signed) PRIME MINISTER

