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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 21 December 1977 from the Permanent Representative
of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a cable sent to Your Excellency by Dr. Ali Abdul Salam Al-Treiki, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, concerning the recent aggressive acts committed by France against the Sahrawi people.

I have the further honour to request that the text of the cable be circulated to the membership of the United Nations as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 24.

(Signed) Mansur R. KIKHIA
Permanent Representative

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Telegram dated 20 December 1977 from the Secretary for Foreign
Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Secretary-General

You are no doubt aware that the French Air Force has recently perpetrated a savage bombardment against the Sahrawi people in Saguia El-Hamra and Río de Oro. This has resulted in the killing of tens of innocent civilian inhabitants.

In drawing your attention to this aggressive and dangerous act that threatens international peace and security, we wish to emphasize that this act of direct military interference by the French and the statements in that regard that were delivered by the Minister of Defence of France can only be considered as acts of reversion to the old methods of colonialism. These acts constitute blatant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and its principles.

We express the hope that you will intervene urgently and take the necessary measures to put an end to these dangerous acts by the French.

Dr. Ali AL-TREIKI
Secretary for Foreign Affairs
