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Letter dated 5 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement made on 4 February 1986 by the acting spokesman for the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the occasion of hijacking of the Libyan airliner by Israel.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ignac GOLOB
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of the SFR of Yugoslavia
to the United Nations

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Statement dated 4 February 1986 of the Federal Secretariat
for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia

We condemn most strongly the brazen terrorist act of hijacking the Libyan passenger plane by Israel. This constitutes a flagrant and inadmissible violation of the norms of international law and brings about further exacerbation of the situation in the Middle East and the Mediterranean.

The announcement of Israel that it intends to continue these actions bears out the continuity of the policy of aggression and the known practice of state terrorism to which Israel keeps resorting despite the most severe opposition and condemnation by the international community.

Yugoslavia strongly opposes and condemns all forms of terrorism regardless of its goals and perpetrators. This terrorist action by Israel increases our belief that urgent and decisive measures by the international community are needed in order to prevent all forms of terrorism and to eliminate it as a phenomenon which threatens peace and security of peoples and international relations at large.

We take this opportunity to express our deep concern over the continuation of pressure and demonstration of military might and threats against a sovereign non-aligned country. This increasingly complicates the security situation in the Mediterranean.
