



General Assembly Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

A/41/135
S/17792
5 February 1986
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ARABIC

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Forty-first session
STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN REGION

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-first year

Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a letter from Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treiki, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, concerning the hijacking in international airspace by Zionist fighter aircraft of a civilian aircraft belonging to Libyan Arab Airlines.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex 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) Rajab A. AZZAROUK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Secretary of the People's
Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Secretary-General

Today, 4 February 1986, the Zionist entity, with the assistance and connivance of the United States of America, committed an act of terrorist aggression when Zionist fighter aircraft intercepted a civilian passenger aircraft belonging to Libyan Arab Airlines and forced it to land at a military airfield inside occupied Palestine.

The aircraft was intercepted while it was flying in international airspace and passing through internationally recognized air lanes on a flight from Tripoli to Damascus, carrying on board an official Syrian delegation.

The act of air piracy carried out by the Zionist enemy today has come to represent an established policy openly pursued by the United States of America and its ally, the Zionist entity, and constitutes an irrefutable record of terrorism to be added to the incident involving the Egyptian aircraft hijacked by United States fighter aircraft and forced to land in southern Italy.

The United States naval units on station off the Libyan coast and based in the Mediterranean Sea, which have participated in provocative exercises directed against the Jamahiriya, played a fundamental role in this action inasmuch as they provided full information on the Libyan civilian aircraft to the Zionist enemy, thereby enabling it to determine its position, intercept it and force it to land in occupied Palestine. They did so in the same manner that units of the United States Sixth Fleet provided the information and facilities to the fighter aircraft of the Zionist enemy that enabled it to commit aggression against Tunisia in September 1985.

The States and peoples of the Mediterranean region, which have become a target for the policy of State terrorism openly and flagrantly pursued in the region by the United States of America and its ally, the Zionist entity, bear the responsibility for banishing the American military presence, which poses a demonstrable danger to the peace and security of the region and the world, from the Mediterranean. If the international community permits such terrorist practices, which seriously jeopardize the safety of civil aviation, to go unpunished and undeterred, then it must expect reciprocal action from others, which would confer on every State the right to pursue any civilian aircraft in international airspace and thus transform the world into a jungle.

In view of the gravity of the situation arising out of the act of terrorist piracy carried out by the Zionist entity, with the direct assistance of the United States of America, against the civilian Libyan aircraft and of the threat that this act of terrorism represents to the security and safety of civil aviation in international airspace, we have deemed it appropriate to inform you accordingly so that you may take those necessary steps and measures that you are empowered to take

under the United Nations Charter. At the same time, I request you to inform the President and members of the Security Council of this act, which constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and of those conventions and treaties that guarantee the freedom and safety of aviation.

(Signed) Dr. Ali Abdussalam TREIKI
Secretary of the People's Committee
of the People's Bureau
for Foreign Liaison
