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Letter dated 26 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of  
Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you herewith the text of a statement issued on 25 March 1986 by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

I wish to request you to have the text of that statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jaroslav CÉSAR  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 25 March 1986 by the Federal Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia

The provocative military manoeuvres of the United States air and naval forces off the coast of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, thousands of miles distant from United States shores, have resulted in a violation of Libyan airspace and territorial waters in the area of the Gulf of Sidra and led to a direct attack by the armed forces of the United States upon the sovereign territory of Libya.

The use of military force against the sovereign territory of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya cannot be viewed as anything but gross violation of the fundamental norms of international law and disregard of the United Nations Charter. This act of aggression by the United States falls within the framework of provocations, pressure and intimidation directed against this Arab country, one of the representatives of anti-imperialist forces in the Arab world, and constitutes a manifestation of the policy of State terrorism. Representatives of the United States, particularly of the Pentagon, take upon themselves a great responsibility when provoking military confrontation with the Libyan armed forces and aggravating an atmosphere of war psychosis. In the long run, their action poses a serious threat to world peace.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic condemns the provocation by United States armed forces against the sovereign Libyan State. It expresses its full support for and solidarity with the Libyan people and their leadership. It demands that the United States immediately halt further actions of gross pressure and blackmail against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

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