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Letter dated 25 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a TASS statement of 25 March 1986.

I request you, Sir, to circulate this text as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 69 and 70 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the forty-first regular session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Y. V. DUBININ

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ANNEX

Statement by TASS

The United States Administration, continuing its policy of aggravating the international situation, has committed an aggressive act against the sovereign State of Libya. On the night of 24 to 25 March 1986, United States warships and military aircraft struck at a number of Libyan targets.

The deliberate nature of this action is beyond doubt. Washington had, for a long time, made no secret of its hostile intentions against Libya. United States naval and air forces had been off the Libyan coast almost constantly. In recent days the concentration of United States armed forces in the area had reached an unprecedented magnitude. The aggravation of military tension around Libya had been accompanied by direct threats against it.

The reason for all of this is that Washington does not like the progressive nature of the internal reforms in Libya and the anti-imperialistic and independent course pursued by that country on the international scene.

No matter what fabricated excuses Washington resorts to now, it will not be able to justify the bandit-like nature of its actions. What the world is witnessing is an undisguised policy of State terrorism, disregard of the Charter of the United Nations and of the universally recognized norms of international law, an attempt to impose Washington's will on other peoples by force of arms and to destabilize the situation in States that have chosen to follow the path of independent development.

The piratical action against Libya greatly aggravates the already explosive situation in the area, which could lead to grave consequences extending beyond the limits of that area.

This is also a manifestation of the general United States policy of interfering in the affairs of sovereign States, inflaming hotbeds of tension in various parts of the globe and creating threats to peace and international security.

Washington is clearly attempting to maintain and intensify tension in world affairs in order to prevent any normalization of the international situation.

Such actions inevitably arouse universal concern and indignation. The world community must raise its voice in defence of the cause of peace and the inalienable right of every people to determine its own destiny.

At this difficult time for Libya, Soviet citizens express their solidarity with the Libyan people. The Soviet Union has been and continues to be on Libya's side in its just struggle for freedom and independence. The Soviet Union strongly condemns the aggressive actions of the United States and demands their cessation.