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Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you the text of a statement issued by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic concerning the United States aggression against Libya (see annex).

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

(Signed) Jaroslav CÉŠAR
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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Czechoslovakia concerning the United States aggression against
the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

In the early morning hours of 15 April 1986, the United States of America has committed yet another act of aggression against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The attack of United States military aircraft was aimed primarily at the Libyan towns of Tripoli and Benghazi. The air raids took a high death toll among civilian population.

The United States Government committed this premeditated act of State terrorism despite protests of the broadest world public and regardless of the opinions of a number of realistic-minded politicians of Western European countries. This armed attack against a sovereign State contravenes the fundamental norms of international law. It is an expression of scorn for the Charter of the United Nations. It constitutes a new dangerous step towards aggravating the situation not only in the Mediterranean, but also in respect of security in other regions of the world. It is a manifestation of the militarist course of the present United States Administration which has been putting into practice the officially declared policy of neo-globalism.

At a time when the Soviet Union is putting forward far-reaching peace proposals, it deserves condemnation that the United States Government is launching a military conflict.

The Czechoslovak people and Government that have been united with the people of Libya by traditional long-time bonds of sincere friendship, embodied in the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between the two countries, most resolutely reject and strongly condemn the barbarous United States air raids on Libyan towns. Czechoslovakia expresses its full and unswerving support for the Libyan people in its struggle for the defence and further development of its independence and its revolutionary achievements. The Czechoslovak people and Government once again urge the United States Administration to realize and weigh up responsibly the dangerous consequences that the continuation of such an irresponsible policy might have and to refrain from further acts of gross pressure on and blackmail of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
