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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE  
AGENDA OF THE FORTY-FIRST SESSIONDECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ON THE AERIAL AND NAVAL MILITARY ATTACK  
AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA BY THE PRESENT  
UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN APRIL 1986

Letter dated 21 August 1986 from the Permanent Representative of  
the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

On instructions from my country, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-second ordinary session, held from 28 to 30 July 1986, entitled "Declaration on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986", and to request you to include it as an additional item in the agenda of the forty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in view of the important, pressing and urgent nature of this explosive issue, which constitutes a threat to peace and security not only in the Mediterranean and the Middle East but throughout the whole world.

I request you also to consider this letter as an explanatory memorandum under rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

I should be grateful if you would have it circulated, with its annex, as an official document of the forty-first session of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Ali A. TREIKI  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its twenty-second ordinary session at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 28 to 30 July 1986, having noted the declaration made by the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya that it was the subject of American aggression in April this year, an aggression that received the collaboration of the British Government, and aware that the present United States Administration has been conducting provocative naval manoeuvres in the southern Mediterranean, is convinced that such acts of provocation and the readiness to resort to the use of force are inexcusable and constitute a threat to peace.

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government wishes to convey to the present United States Administration that the April 1986 premeditated attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is not only a threat to peace but constitutes an attack on the Organization of African Unity. In this regard the Assembly of Heads of State strongly condemns this act of aggression which has further exacerbated tension in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government notes with interest that, while the present United States Administration has spearheaded the campaign for sanctions against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, it has in collaboration with the British Government continued to oppose the international call for sanctions against the racist régime of South Africa.

In view of the determination of the present United States Administration to continue with its provocative acts against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and in view of the sanctions imposed by most members of the European Economic Community, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government declares as follows that:

- (1) The aerial and naval attacks on Benghazi and Tripoli in April 1986 are inexcusable as they are condemnable.
- (2) The deliberate attempt to kill Libyan nationals in a plan of destruction that included the killing of the leader of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Brother Muamar Ghadafi is not only a dangerous precedent but constitutes a contemptuous and condemnable act in violation of the principles of international law.
- (3) The present United States Administration must cease its provocative acts in the southern Mediterranean and desist from any future attacks against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, a member State of the Organization of African Unity.

- (4) The members of the European Economic Community that have enacted sanctions and other related legislation against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya have no justifiable cause to continue to maintain these sanctions in the face of continuing provocation by the present United States Administration.
- (5) The deliberate bombing of civilian targets and the killing of children by United States fighter aircraft from aircraft-carriers in the Mediterranean and those based in the United Kingdom are ample evidence that the present United States Administration was determined to carry out an operation it had long planned, and found the pretext for it. The action is also inexcusable and condemnable.
- (6) The issues of the aerial and naval attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya be put on the agenda of the forty-first regular session of the United Nations General Assembly.
- (7) The principle of dialogue is a moral as well as political imperative which must be taken to defuse the situation as it exists between the present United States Administration and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. To this effect the Organization of African Unity stands ready to offer its good offices towards that objective.

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