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**LETTER DATED 5 JUNE 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by the Supreme Committee for Child Welfare in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya concerning the consequences of the implementation of Security Council resolution 748 (1992) for programmes of child welfare services in Libya.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Ahmed ELHOUDERI  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 23 May 1992 from the Supreme Committee for  
Child Welfare addressed to the Secretary-General

The Supreme Committee for Child Welfare in the Great Jamahiriya presents its compliments and respects to you. The Committee notes that it affirms the provisions of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, adopted by the international Organization on 20 November 1959, particularly principles 2, 4 and 6.

It also recalls the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations on 20 November 1989, which was ratified by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya under Law No. 2 of 1991.

It also refers to the Declaration adopted at the World Summit for Children, held in New York from 29 to 30 September 1990, which represents a commitment at the highest international political levels to fulfil objectives and strategies for the survival, protection and development of children as an essential element of economic and social development for all States and for the human community as a whole.

The Committee notes that the implementation of Security Council resolution 748 (1992) has dealt great damage to child-care programmes and services in the Jamahiriya. The application of the air embargo against the Jamahiriya has cut children off from urgent supplies of vaccines, medicines and special foodstuffs, etc. This has endangered and continues to endanger the lives of many children, particularly infants, and is depriving them of means of protection and vaccination.

It warns that the past and present achievements of the Great Jamahiriya in the field of child care, the development of such care and the maintenance of children's rights have been disrupted and damaged by the obstacles and provocations inflicted by this unjust resolution. The resolution may be considered as running counter to all international covenants and conventions designed to promote the protection and care of children.

The Committee also reminds the international community, as it strives to ensure protection and care for children, that the continued application of this resolution will cause a further deterioration in the level of health and nutrition services for children and to the disruption of programmes for the care and protection of children in the Great Jamahiriya.

It notes that the high price of this punitive resolution - imposed in the absence of any clear offence - is being paid by our innocent citizens and children. Those who joined together to adopt the resolution bear historical responsibility for it.

Accordingly, the Supreme Committee for Child Care in the Great Jamahiriya calls upon the United Nations to show solidarity, and to support the Jamahiriya's peaceful efforts and to work for the removal of the sanctions imposed against it.

