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Letter dated 27 January 1978 from the Permanent Representative
of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the following extract from the speech made by President Sadat of Egypt to the People's Assembly of Egypt on Saturday, 21 January 1978:

"I requested the Secretary of State to inform the American President officially and for the first time of the demand by Egypt that it be armed. ... I have not requested these arms because I am going to attack Israel. ... I am confronted with great responsibilities from this area to all of Africa."

The great concern felt by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in regard to the implications of this statement results from the overt threat to the peace and security of the continent of Africa as a whole. This statement also constitutes an interference in the internal affairs of African States in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity. Moreover the concern of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in this regard is exacerbated by its recent experience with the Egyptian régime.

In drawing Your Excellency's attention to this serious matter, I kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mansur R. KIKHIA
Permanent Representative