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LETTER DATED 3 APRIL 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of resolution 5639, entitled "Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya", which was adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States meeting at its one hundred and seventh regular session on 31 March 1997.

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

(Signed) Abuzed O. DORDA  
Permanent Representative

Annex

RESOLUTION 107/5639, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AT THE 3RD MEETING OF ITS ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, HELD ON 31 MARCH 1997

Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Referring to the section of the Final Communiqué of the Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo from 21 to 23 July 1996 relating to the subject,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the matter, the most recent being resolution 106/5596 of 15 September 1996,

Reaffirming paragraph 163 of the final document of the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Colombia from 18 to 20 October 1995, the resolution adopted by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Jakarta from 9 to 13 December 1996, and the Declaration on the matter adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its sixty-fifth ordinary session in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 24 to 28 February 1997,

Expressing its appreciation to regional organizations such as the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of 77 for their solidarity with the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in this crisis and their support for the proposal set forth in Council resolution 5373 of 27 March 1993,

Commending the efforts of the Committee of Seven of the League of Arab States and the Committee of Five of the Organization of African Unity to devise a peaceful and just solution to the crisis,

Expressing its grave concern at the enormous human suffering and material damage sustained by the Libyan Arab people and neighbouring peoples as a result of the maintenance of the coercive measures imposed on the Great Jamahiriya under Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993),

Regretting the failure of the three Western countries to respond positively to international and regional endeavours and to the efforts made to devise a settlement based on the principles of international law, in a context of mutual understanding and constructive dialogue, with the result that the Security Council, following its consultations of 14 March 1997, extended the embargo measures imposed on the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Noting that the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is continuing to address the crisis through positive initiatives and that it is

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fully prepared to cooperate with any efforts made at the regional and international levels with a view to reaching a settlement to the crisis,

Taking account of the positive developments in the matter resulting from the dialogue between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and France,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee,

DECIDES

1. To reaffirm its previous resolutions concerning solidarity with the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and to support the efforts of the Jamahiriya to arrive at a peaceful solution of the crisis;

2. To urge the three Western countries to respond positively to regional and international endeavours and to the efforts being made to devise a settlement to the crisis based on the principles of international law, mutual understanding and dialogue;

3. To coordinate action by the Committee of Seven of the League of Arab States and the Committee of Five of the Organization of African Unity with a view to urging the Security Council to convene a special meeting for the presentation of the Committees' concrete proposals so that the Council may adopt, as a basis for the resolution of the crisis, one of the following options:

Holding the trial of the two suspects in a neutral third country to be determined by the Security Council;

Having the two suspects tried at the seat of the International Court of Justice at The Hague in accordance with Scots law and before Scottish judges;

Establishing a special criminal tribunal at the seat of the International Court of Justice at The Hague to try the two suspects.

4. To support the right of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to obtain appropriate compensation for the losses and material and human damage it is sustaining as a result of the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions;

5. To implement the provisions of Council resolution 106/5596 relating to the elaboration of practical measures to spare the Libyan Arab people further harm and suffering, as decided on 23 June 1996 by the Cairo Arab Summit;

6. To urge the Committee of Seven of the League of Arab States and the Committee of Five of the Organization of African Unity to continue their efforts with a view to achieving a peaceful, speedy and just solution to the crisis;

7. To retain this question as a permanent item on the Council's agenda until such time as a solution is found;

8. To request the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of the present resolution.

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