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LETTER DATED 26 JUNE 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVERS OF
THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AND OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, we have the honour to enclose herewith a joint letter signed by His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and His Excellency Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, concerning the efforts of the two organizations to find a peaceful and just solution to the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

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League of Arab States to
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(Signed) Mr. Ibrahima SY
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Annex

Letter dated 19 June 1997 from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity addressed to the President of the Security Council

As a follow-up to the efforts being deployed individually and jointly by the League of Arab States and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to find a peaceful and just solution to the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United States of America and Great Britain, and in conformity with the decision of the two organizations to coordinate both Arab and African efforts aimed at contributing to the process of finding a lasting solution to the dispute, we have the honour to inform you that the League of Arab States and the Organization of African Unity have, in this regard, agreed as follows:

FIRST: To call upon the Security Council to convene a special meeting in order to consider the following specific proposals, one of which could be agreed upon as a basis for a solution:

- (i) Hold the trial of the two suspects in a third and neutral country to be determined by the Security Council;
- (ii) Have the two suspects tried by Scottish judges at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague, in accordance with the Scottish Law;
- (iii) Establishment of a special criminal tribunal at the ICJ headquarters in The Hague to try the two suspects.

SECOND: Pending the final and peaceful solution of the crisis and the adoption of one of the above-mentioned proposals, we urge the Security Council to undertake the following measures which, we believe, will go a long way in mitigating the severe impact of the air embargo, by exempting flights that may be run by Libyan authorities:

- (i) Flights for humanitarian purposes of medical treatment and the importation of medicines;
- (ii) Special flights to send material assistance from the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to African countries;
- (iii) Flights for religious purposes;
- (iv) Flights related to participation in official missions.

Through this joint letter, which is a manifestation of our common concern and desire to find a speedy solution to this crisis, we request the Security Council to consider these proposals and undertake all measures with a view to reaching a peaceful and just solution in the near future.

(Signed) Salim Ahmed SALIM
Secretary-General of the
Organization of African Unity

(Signed) Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel MEGUID
Secretary-General of the
League of Arab States
