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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

Letter dated 22 June 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text of a letter addressed to you by
Engineer Jadullah Azuz Talhi, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's
Bureau for Foreign Liaison (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of
the General Assembly under item 43 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Ali Sunni MUNTASSER
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's
Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed
to the Secretary-General

I should like to refer once again to the United States' imperialist attack against Libya in 1986, which was carried out by the United States Administration at that time under the pretext of punishing Libya for its involvement in international terrorism. The attack was condemned by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 41/38 of 20 November 1986, as well as by the Movement of Non-Aligned States in the course both of its ministerial meeting in India in 1986 and of its Eighth Summit Conference, held at Harare from 1 to 6 September 1986. These condemnations showed that the international community did not accept the feeble excuses advanced by the United States Administration as an explanation of its motives for committing the crime.

Evidence which has emerged in the interim demonstrates that it is Libya that was and continues to be a victim of official State terrorism, as practised for years by the United States Administration against the Libyan Arab people. This fact is, moreover, confirmed from time to time by the official organs and press agencies of the United States.

In this connection, I should like to draw your attention to the contents of a book published recently in Washington under the title The Inside Story of America's War against Terrorism, which provides details of the aerial attack against Libya in 1986. The book was written by two journalists: David C. Martin from the United States television network CBS and John Walcott of the Wall Street Journal. Extracts from the book published in the latest edition of US News and World Report state that Oliver North, the former National Security Council official, suggested the White House should ask Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite to go to Libya on the eve of the attack, under the pretext of persuading Colonel Qaddafi to assist in securing the release of United States hostages in Lebanon. The real purpose of his mission was to persuade Colonel Qaddafi to remain in his residence that night so that he would be killed in the attack.

Meanwhile, one of the authors, John Walcott, told the Reuters agency on the evening of Saturday, 11 June 1988, that the revelations were made by officials who had helped to draw up the plan of attack.

It was my intention in informing you of this to emphasize once again that the United States attack against our country was a deliberate and planned attack and but one link in the chain of continuing acts of provocation on the part of the United States against our people. It provides firm evidence of the United States Administration's practice of official State terrorism against peace-loving peoples struggling for their freedom.

Engineer Jadullah Azuz TALHI
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People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison
