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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should like to call your attention to the serious situation arising as a result of United States military threats and provocations directed against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with a view to creating a state of tension that could jeopardize the security and peace of the region.

The dispatch by the United States of America of AWACS aircraft to one of the neighbouring countries of the Jamahiriya and the movement of the aircraft-carrier Nimitz together with some naval vessels to be stationed close to the Libyan coast constitute an obvious provocation and a flagrant violation of international principles of conduct and laws. These acts, which have no justification at all, and the hostile statements by United States officials, as well as the widespread media campaign that accompanied them, confirm the aggressive intentions of the United States Administration against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

In bringing this matter to your attention I should like to assure you of the concern of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for peace and security in the region and that the United States of America will be held responsible for the consequences of any developments that may arise from its aforesaid actions.

The continued flying of United States reconnaissance and jamming planes over our borders has created a dangerous situation and disrupted civil communications inside the Jamahiriya. Also, the presence of the United States Sixth Fleet near our coastline could lead to the development of a grave situation posing a threat not only to peace in the area but to international peace and security as well. The United States would be fully responsible for that.

The Jamahiriya confirms that there is no tension at all in the area that justifies such an American provocation, that the Jamahiriya did not have and does not have any intention of interfering in the internal affairs of any neighbouring or non-neighbouring country, that it is anxious to see security and peace prevail in the area, and that our concern, as a small country, is only to secure our development and stability.

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In calling the attention of the members of the United Nations Security Council to the seriousness of such provocations by a State member of the Council, I should like to state that we reserve our right to call for a Council meeting if the United States provocations should persist or escalate. Also, we reserve our right to self-defence and to take the necessary measures to maintain our independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as the inviolability of our air space and territorial waters.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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of the Socialist People's
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