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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Letter dated 25 March 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya attaches particular importance to initiatives for the transformation of certain regions into nuclear-weapon-free zones of peace and shares with the international community the lofty aims that motivate these initiatives for the achievement of the most urgent objective of our time, namely, the strengthening of international security and disarmament.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which belongs to the Arab nation, to Africa and to the Mediterranean region, has informed you previously of its viewpoint regarding the transformation of the Mediterranean region into a zone of peace and co-operation, and this information is contained in your report (A/37/355 and Add.1-5). It wishes today to draw attention to the following:

1. Security and stability in the Mediterranean region will not be achieved so long as the region continues to be subjected to the presence of fleets, the expansion of imperialist military bases, the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the political and military practices followed by the United States administration and the racist Zionist régime against the independent States in the region, practices that represent not only an extremely grave threat to the peoples and the security of the region but also a threat to world security. In this connection, we

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wish to draw attention to the acts of provocation committed recently by the United States Sixth Fleet and United States espionage (AWACS) aircraft against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and to the presence of the nuclear aircraft-carrier Nimitz off the Libyan coast, which is considered a flagrant violation of the principles relating to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, abstention from any form of intervention and non-use of force.

2. The escalation of tension and the arms race in the region have resulted from the strategic co-operation agreement between the United States of America and the Zionist entity signed on 30 November 1981. In addition to constituting United States hostile action against the Arab nation, the strategic co-operation agreement also makes the Zionist entity a base for the stockpiling of American weapons and places at the disposal of this entity the military potentials, military technology and reconnaissance and espionage devices of a major Power for use in implementing this entity's aggressive designs against the Arab States, with a view to the realization of American Zionist ambitions for expansion and domination.

3. The introduction of nuclear weapons into the region and the evidence contained in official and information reports on the nuclear armament of the Zionist entity, including the report of 18 September 1981 (A/36/431), the strong desire of this entity, since its establishment, to possess this type of weapons, exploiting in this regard its co-operation with certain States in this field, the material and scientific encouragement given by the United States to the Zionist nuclear programme since 1955 and its persistence in producing and developing nuclear weapons in co-operation with the racist régime in South Africa (see A/35/402 and Corr.1 and A/37/22 and Add.1) have all greatly increased the dangers to which the Arab, African and Mediterranean regions are exposed. Aware of the dimensions and targets of this menace and believing that any delay in remedying this deleterious situation is likely to lead to complications that will be difficult to deal with in the future, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya firmly believes that international efforts are required to halt this danger, on the basis of collective responsibility to save mankind and human civilization from the scourge of nuclear catastrophe, taking into account, in the case of the Arab region, the following facts:

(a) The continuation of the aggressive practices of the racist Zionist entity against the Arab nation and the Zionist entity's resolve to terrorize the Arab States through military power, including its possession of nuclear capability, which constitutes the greatest threat to the Arab nation and the greatest threat to the existence of its population and its land, which emphasizes the fact that the Zionist entity is, in truth, an aggressive racist entity hostile to the Arab nation.

(b) The refusal of the Zionist entity to sign the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its destruction of a peaceful nuclear reactor under international control in the heart of an Arab capital, namely, Baghdad.

(c) The Zionist entity's constant threat to destroy any nuclear installations erected in any Arab country, even for peaceful use, as happened in the case of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, on the pretext of "the requirements of Israeli security".

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under items 54 and 65 of the preliminary list.

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