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PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

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Letter dated 22 December 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter addressed to you by Jadalla Azzouz Talhi, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison.

I should be grateful if you would have it distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 43 of the agenda for the forty-fourth session, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Ali Abdessalam TREIKI Permanent Representative

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 wish to inform you that the United States Administration continues to wave the banner of its intensive campaign of aggression against Libya.

It has not ceased repeating its accusations, which are devoid of any foundation, that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is on the verge of producing chemical weapons, the latest being that uttered on 21 December 1988 by the United States President, who went so far as to overtly threaten to mount another aggressive military operation against Libya.

In reminding you of the contents of my letter dated 15 November 1988 concerning the aggressive intentions of the United States Administration vis à vis Libya, I repeat that the American accusations are merely a pretext for aggression against my country.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in emphasizing the foregoing, calls on the international community and world public opinion to comprehend the true proportions of this new campaign so that they are not deluded. In so doing, it wishes to state that:

- 1. It categorically refutes the above-mentioned accusations by the United States, and reaffirms that it has absolutely no intentions of producing any type of chemical weapon;
- 2. It renews its commitment under all international agreements and other instruments banning the use, production and stockpiling of bacteriological and toxin weapons;
- 3. It reiterates its readiness to co-operate in any international effort to ban the production, stockpiling and use of chemical and bacteriological weapons of mass destruction;
- 4. It warns the international community about the consequences of any aggression against the Jamahiriya that might be mounted by the United States Administration, whether on its own or in collaboration with others;
- 5. It calls on the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security.

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