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Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 26 December 1988 by the Government of the Republic of Ghana on the United States threat against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (see annex).

I shall be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" and "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nelson K. DUMEVI  
Acting Head of Mission

ANNEX

Statement issued on 26 December 1988 by the Government of the  
Republic of Ghana on the United States threat against the  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

1. The Government of Ghana views with concern and disquiet the reported statement by the President of the United States of America hinting at possible action against a so-called chemical factory which is alleged to be capable of producing poisonous gas in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
2. The Government of Libya, at the highest level, has denied that the facility in question is designed for the production of lethal gas, but has affirmed that it is rather for the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations. Thus, the implied threat of the United States is wholly unwarranted and unjustified.
3. Furthermore, the Government of Ghana cannot accept the right of any contingent power to interfere in the internal affairs of an African State, nor can Ghana accept the threats directed against the sovereign State of Libya.
4. Ghana fervently appeals to the United States to abandon the policy of aggression against, and intervention in, African States, and rather utilize the climate for conciliation now pervading the world to normalize relations with all peoples of the world.
5. Meanwhile, the people of Ghana reaffirm their complete solidarity with the brotherly people of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

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