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The rule of law at the national and international levels

Letter dated 23 April 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On instructions from the Government of my country, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a decision adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, at its one hundred and twenty-seventh ordinary session, held on 4 March 2007, and a decision adopted by the Arab Summit at its session held in Riyadh on 29 March 2007, both relating to remedying the damage and the measures resulting from the dispute over the Lockerbie affair (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 80.

(Signed) Attia Omar **Mubarak** Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the letter dated 23 April 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Remedying the damage and the measures resulting from the dispute over the Lockerbie affair

The Council of the League, meeting at the ministerial level,

Having considered:

- The note of the General Secretariat,
- The report on the activities of the General Secretariat between sessions,
- The recommendations of the Committee on Political Affairs,

Reaffirming its earlier related decisions,

Recalling the decisions adopted on this subject by the League Council at the summit level,

Recalling also the seriousness of the damage caused to the Great Jamahiriya as a result of the sanctions that were imposed on it,

Decides

- 1. To affirm the legitimate right of the Great Jamahiriya to compensation for the material and human damage caused to it as a result of the sanctions that were imposed on it;
- 2. To reaffirm the demand that Libyan national Abdel Basset al-Megrahi be released and that his continued state of detention be deemed that of a hostage under all international laws and practices;
- 3. To request the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this decision and submit a report in that regard to the League Council at the ministerial level at its next ordinary session.

(Decision No. 6739 — 127th Ord. Sess. — Meeting 2-4 March 2007)

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Remedying the damage and the measures resulting from the dispute over the Lockerbie affair

The Council of the League, meeting at the summit level,

Having considered:

- The note of the General Secretariat,
- The report of the Secretary-General on joint Arab action,

Welcoming Security Council resolution 1506 (2003) of 12 September 2003 on the immediate lifting of the sanctions imposed on the Great Jamahiriya,

Reaffirming its decisions Nos. 220 (fourteenth ordinary session) of 28 March 2002, 266 (sixteenth ordinary session) of 23 May 2004, 301 (seventeenth ordinary session) of 23 March 2005, and 342 (eighteenth ordinary session) of 29 March 2006, which affirmed the Great Jamahiriya's legitimate right to receive compensation for the material and human damage caused to it as a result of the sanctions that were imposed on it and demanded that Libyan national Abdel Basset al-Megrahi be released and that his continued state of detention be deemed that of a hostage under all international laws and practices,

Referring to the following decisions of the League Council at the ministerial level: No. 6679 (one hundred and twenty-sixth ordinary session) of 6 September 2006 and No. 6739 (one hundred and twenty-seventh ordinary session) of 4 March 2007,

Recalling the seriousness of the damage caused to the Great Jamahiriya as a result of the sanctions that were imposed on it,

Decides

- 1. To affirm the legitimate right of the Great Jamahiriya to compensation for the material and human damage caused to it as a result of the sanctions that were imposed on it;
- 2. To reaffirm the demand that Libyan national Abdel Basset al-Megrahi be released and that his continued state of detention be deemed that of a hostage under all international laws and practices;
- 3. To request the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this decision and submit a report in that regard to the League Council at the summit level at its next ordinary session.

(Decision No. 377 — 19th Ord. Sess. — 29 March 2007)

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