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LETTER DATED 20 MARCH 1984 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya wishes to draw the attention of the Security Council to the dangerousness of the situation currently prevailing on Libya's eastern frontiers as a result of the aggressive practices of the United States Administration against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and blatant United States intervention. The United States Administration has co-operated with some of its agents in the region and has exploited the deteriorating situation in the Sudan. On 18 March 1984, it sent two AWACS espionage aircraft with a group of fighter aircraft to spy on Libyan territory, which constitutes a violation of the Charter, intervention in the internal affairs of the Jamahiriya and a heightening of tension. American information sources have said that the United States Administration intends to dispatch more aircraft in the next few days, in addition to sending prompt military assistance to the Government of the Sudan, which is facing internal problems. Then, there are also the hostile statements of United States officials regarding Libya and its leadership. These include the statement by Secretary of State George Shultz in which he affirmed the presence of AWACS aircraft in the region and showed unjustified hostility towards the Jamahiriya.

The United States Administration has engaged and is still engaging in provocative aggressive actions against the Jamahiriya, including continuous violations of Libyan airspace and territorial waters, the economic boycott and misleading information campaigns. It has sought to create a schism in the Arab homeland and to provoke the Arab States one against the other.

After the defeat which it suffered in Lebanon, the United States Administration is now seeking to create new hotbeds of tension in the world, directed against the Jamahiriya, its revolution and its leadership.

This aggression being practised by the United States against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and against the peoples of the region constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security from a State which is a

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permanent member of the Security Council and bears special responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security. These hostile American acts constitute a clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the principles and codes laid down by international law and custom.

The Security Council, which bears responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in the world, must draw the attention of the United States Administration to the dangerousness of its aggressive and provocative policy towards the Jamahiriya and in the region and must call upon it to halt its blatant aggression against the peoples of the region, including the people of the Jamahiriya.

In stressing its wholehearted desire to see peace and security prevail in the region, the Jamahiriya also affirms its full right to defend itself and its airspace and territorial waters, reserving, at the same time, its right to request the convening of the Security Council at the appropriate time.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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