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Letter dated 31 August 1976 from the Permanent Representative
of the Libyan Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I refer to the document (A/31/182), dated 24 August 1976, containing a letter from the representative of the racist Zionist entity in occupied Palestine which he filled with open lies, baseless slanders and inverted facts in a frantic attempt to attack the Libyan Arab Republic, and would inform you of the following:

The Government of the Libyan Arab Republic firmly believes that the international community can no longer be fooled by this style of lies, cheating and inversion of facts, for which it condemned the racist Zionist entity in occupied Palestine, basing its belief on two simple facts. First, that entity is continuing to pursue the same style, which it considers a means of achieving its aggressive expansionist intentions, and finds it difficult to renounce it. Second, the international community knows, through the brave policy followed by the Libyan Arab Republic, the noble and clear-cut stands this country has taken regarding the issues of peace and liberation.

The Libyan Arab Republic's stand with regard to the peoples still under the yoke of colonialism and foreign domination and those suffering from racial

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segregation is clear and firm. The conscience of humanity dictates it as a duty to support those peoples physically and morally, which is what this country is doing openly and straightforwardly. It is also alert to the suspicious schemes being concocted against our Arab people in Palestine, who are living a tragedy unique in its kind.

It is therefore natural that colonialist and Zionist circles feel uneasy towards this noble stand, which is in complete accordance with the aims and purposes of the United Nations and with its resolutions on decolonization and on combating racial segregation. Consequently, those circles began launching a frantic information campaign with the aim of slandering the Libyan Arab Republic by levelling false accusations at it. The letter from the representative of the racist Zionist entity is but a part of that systematic organized scheme, since he deliberately attempts to distort the noble picture of the national liberation movements by mixing up their struggle with individual acts that have no relation whatsoever to those movements. In a manner that can only imply wickedness and treachery, he tries to interpret the support of the Libyan Arab Republic for the national liberation movements as support for individual acts which are disavowed by everybody, first and foremost by the Libyan Arab Republic.

In carrying on with his lies, the representative of the Zionist entity tries to involve the name of the Libyan Arab Republic in the subject of aerial hijacking. The Libyan Arab Republic has declared more than once, and on more than one occasion, that it does not approve of hijacking. It considers it a foolish and irresponsible act. It therefore completely denounces hijacking as an act which jeopardizes innocent human lives. The Libyan Arab Republic has legislation which stipulates that the perpetrators of such crimes shall be subject to the most extreme penalties. If the Libyan Arab Republic, in a number of instances, allowed hijacked planes to land at its airports, it was impelled to do so by purely human motives, and sometimes in response to requests from the parties concerned. In each instance the passengers and the crew of the aircraft were awarded every care and hospitality.

The letter from the representative of the racist Zionist entity implies a deep-rooted animosity against the Libyan Arab Republic because of its stands on issues of peace, progress and liberation. Seeing the Libyan Arab Republic a member of the Security Council and presiding over the Council during the month of September, at a time when the entity of that representative had become isolated and rejected by all peace-loving peoples, was too much for him.

That the Libyan Arab Republic enjoys membership in the Security Council is a result of the unanimous support of the African group and of the support extended to it by 126 States Members of the United Nations - an honour which the racist Zionist entity cannot achieve.

The honour of membership in the Security Council is a culmination of the struggle of the people of the Libyan Arab Republic against colonialism for 40 years, during which the Arab people of Libya lost more than 40 per cent of its population. It comes as a recognition of the honourable role the Libyan Arab

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Republic has played in the issues of peace, progress and liberation and as proof of the support the Libyan Arab Republic enjoys from the forces of good and progress in the world, being as it is a pillar of the modern Arab liberationist movement, which in turn is an integral part of the struggle launched by the liberationist forces in the world today against colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism, reaction and under-development.

Apart from attempting to slander the Libyan Arab Republic, the letter from the representative of the racist Zionist entity aims at creating a climate of anarchy in the hope of covering up the terrorism exercised by the racist Zionist entity against the Arab people of Palestine and diverting attention from the criminal collaboration existing between that entity and the racist régime in South Africa.

It is an irony of fate that the racist Zionist régime speaks of terrorism, when it is the régime that knows nothing but violence and terrorism as a means of achieving its aims and fighting its adversaries. Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement, described the Arabs of Palestine as barbarians unfit for anything except killing wild animals in Palestine before they are evicted from their homeland. Mikhail Bradzievski emphasized the role of power and bloody violence in the lives of peoples, while Dzabutski fell under the effect of the Fascist current and translated the belief of Zionists in violence into practical language and terrorist institutions. In his book Trial and Error, Haim Wiseman also emphasized that Zionists should resort to violence and terrorism in order to achieve their national homeland. The former leader of the Aragon, Menahem Begin, published a book entitled Revolution in which he related his terrorist memoirs in Palestine and considered the terrorist tactics pursued by the Zionists as a means of satisfying a frustrated desire for revenge amongst them, noting that most of the rulers of the Zionist entity were - and some of them still are - leaders of terrorist bands which had committed the worst and most horrifying crimes in the history of mankind. Strangely, though, those leaders do not endeavour in any way to disassociate themselves from their criminal past, but are, on the contrary, boasting of what they had committed.

Herzog himself, that Irish-born representative of the Zionist entity, had a record full of terrorism. He was a member of the Hagannah bands that perpetrated the most atrocious crimes and massacres against the Palestinian people. The war crimes and the crimes of annihilation committed by Herzog while serving as military governor of the West Bank in Palestine are too long to be included in this letter.

In considering the item on international terrorism, the United Nations will paint an accurate picture of the terrorism exercised by the Zionist entity against the people of Palestine and, in collaboration with the racist régime there, against the people of South Africa. The Libyan Arab Republic hopes that the United Nations will be able to take effective measures to put an end to the terrorism exercised by all racist régimes in the world, including the racist Zionist entity in occupied Palestine.

Finally, I should like to reiterate that the propaganda of the Zionist

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delegate is but a part of a campaign directed against the Libyan Arab Republic and launched within the framework of an imperialist Zionist plot to liquidate the Middle East and Palestine issues and to direct a telling blow against the rejectionist powers in the Arab world, a plot for which the stage is being set through the information media to mobilize world opinion by misleading propaganda, which would then be taken as an excuse to implement that plan. The Libyan Arab Republic is completely aware of what is being plotted against it and is not afraid of such threats. It will remain steadfast in the face of that plot, armed with the support of the world liberation powers and all peace-loving peoples.

I have the honour to request that this letter should be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 113 of the provisional agenda, and as an official document of the Security Council.

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