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Identical letters dated 24 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

With reference to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011) on the situation in Libya, and in the context of the Syrian Arab Republic Government's ongoing efforts to evacuate its nationals currently in Libya, I have the honour to inform that the Syrian authorities will operate the following vessels in order to fulfil the above-mentioned task:

1. Syrian cargo ship: *Souria* IMO No. 9274331, bearing the Syrian flag (does not carry any goods).
2. Chartered (rented) ship: *Fehim Bey* IMO No. 7026613, bearing the Turkish flag.
3. Chartered (rented) ship: *Azzurra* IMO No. 6406373, bearing the flag of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic requests your urgent assistance in taking the necessary procedures in order to facilitate the evacuation process and secure a safe passage for the above-mentioned vessels to enter the Tripoli Seaport.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Bashar Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

