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Letter dated 19 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative
of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation, Mr. Jadullah Azuz Talhi.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali A. TREIKI
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

I have the honour to bring to your attention media reports concerning acts perpetrated on 14 September 1989 by the Zionist entity, which launched a medium-range missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads. The missile fell into the Mediterranean, 400 kilometres to the north of the city of Benghazi (Libya).

In the wake of that incident, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya would like to make the following points: the incident, which represents a further serious escalation of tension in the Mediterranean region, not only endangers peace, the safety of shipping and aerial navigation, and all economic activity in that sensitive part of the world, but also nullifies the efforts by the countries of the region, and in particular the States members of the Non-Aligned Movement, to strengthen peace and co-operation in the region and to make it a zone of peace.

This action by the Zionist entity is in keeping with its persistent efforts to develop and strengthen its nuclear capability, in defiance of the will of the international community as expressed in resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency, which denounce the Israeli entity's constant refusal to renounce the manufacture or stockpiling of nuclear weapons, as well as its refusal to subject its nuclear installations to verification by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Such irresponsible actions, which pose a real threat to international peace and security, could not continue without the unlimited support extended to the racist entity by a major Power which is bound to it by a co-operation agreement in that sphere.

In the light of the above, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya again alerts the international community to the disastrous consequences which such practices might have, and calls on all States to withhold support to the Zionist entity, and to join in urging it to fulfil its obligations and honour its commitments with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jadullah Azuz TALHI
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Liaison and International Co-operation