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Letter dated 20 October 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 herewith a letter addressed to you by
Mr. Jadullah Azuz Talhi, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau
for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official
document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 71.

(Signed) Ali A. TREIKI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

A few days ago, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) began extensive manoeuvres in the western part of the Mediterranean Sea. The manoeuvres, in which the various States members of NATO are taking part, are due to last for one month.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya believes that manoeuvres and military movements of this sort are incompatible with declared and published statements relating to international détente and that the concentration of fleets and military forces in this confined body of water runs counter to the interests of international peace and security. Such manoeuvres, indeed, turn the Mediterranean into an area of tension and international conflict and are incompatible with the call to make the Mediterranean a zone of security and co-operation - as urged in resolutions of the General Assembly and in the declarations and resolutions of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries - in accordance with the desire of the peoples of the region for security and co-operation to prevail in their lives.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya warns the international community that these manoeuvres may endanger air and sea traffic, trade, tourism and general communications between the south and the north of the Mediterranean basin, in view of this massive military concentration.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as a coastal State of the Mediterranean Sea, calls upon all peace-loving States to do everything in their power to end such manoeuvres and to turn the Mediterranean into a zone of security and co-operation.

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