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HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF  
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY  
ON THE AERIAL AND NAVAL MILITARY  
ATTACK AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S  
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA BY THE PRESENT  
UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN  
APRIL 1986

SECURITY COUNCIL  
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Letter dated 18 January 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission 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 request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of  
the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads  
of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and  
naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the  
present United States Administration in April 1986", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Sunni MUNTASSER  
Ambassador  
Deputy Permanent Representative  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's  
Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation addressed  
to the Secretary-General

The United States President has taken an arbitrary decision to reimpose economic sanctions against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, alleging that it is encouraging what he calls terrorism that endangers the security of the United States.

The spuriousness of these repeated United States allegations against Libya no longer requires proof or demonstration. Evidence has established the absolute falsity of those allegations, and this decision by the United States President represents a new expression of the United States policy of hegemony, which has transcended all this and become one of the principal constants of United States foreign policy.

The international community, which has unanimously condemned these practices, bears the responsibility today for taking practical deterrent measures to halt this abusive monopolization of international law and ethical principles, particularly since the United States decision comes at a time when the United States Administration is claiming the espousal of a policy of concord, dialogue and the rejection of confrontation and tension in international relations.

If the international community refrains from putting an end to these practices, that will provide an impetus for the United States Administration to persist in this aggressive behaviour against small States. These measures are incompatible with the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Charter, which prescribes the achievement of international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and the promotion of respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all. They also conflict with article 32 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, which declares that no State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights. In addition to all that, the United States measures are incompatible with the General Assembly resolutions calling upon the developed countries to refrain from exercising political coercion by applying economic measures with the aim of bringing about changes in the economic and social systems of other countries and also their domestic and foreign policy.

In alerting your attention and that of the international community to the gravity of these deliberate coercive measures against the Libyan Arab people, which is a flagrant violation of all international covenants and custom, we hope that you will take such measures as you are able by virtue of the powers vested in you.

(Signed) Jadullah Azuz TALHI  
Secretary of the People's  
Committee of the People's Bureau for  
Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation

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