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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1990 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 a letter addressed to you by Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, Leader of the Great Revolution of 1 September. I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali A. TREIKI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 25 August 1990 from the Leader of the Great
Revolution of 1 September of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to my letter to you of 15 August 1990, which was circulated in document S/21529, I should like to express my gratitude to the members of the Security Council for their positive response to our call for a re-examination of the acts of aggression taking place in the Arabian Gulf region. That call was contained in our aforementioned letter, in which attention was called to the fact that the unilateral dispositions made by the United States of America and its allies represent a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a threat to international peace and security since they are not endowed with any international legitimacy.

I should further like to thank the members of the Council for the diligence shown by them in the course of the consultations and deliberations which culminated in the meeting held by the Council on 25 August 1990 and which was convened in deference to the Charter of the United Nations and in order to maintain that peace which is of concern to us all. There can be no doubt that it was a serious attempt to respect legitimacy and to place the measures adopted in their proper legal framework under the auspices of the Council.

I nevertheless express my disappointment that Council resolution 665 (1990) does not reflect the spirit of the Charter but only endorses a fait accompli that was imposed by force and which clearly trifles with international legitimacy. This is the most serious aspect of the matter, since it is a contrived resolution that was adopted under pressure exerted by the United States on the Organization.

Articles 41, 42 and 43 of Chapter VII of the Charter are explicit in laying down the action the Security Council may take, such as the determination of which States will participate in the forces, of the type of forces and of the appointment of their command as well as their subordination to the command and supervision of the Security Council.

Accordingly, I continue to stress the need for the issuance of a new draft resolution clarifying present resolution 665 which should include the numbers of forces required, the States participating in their composition and the organization of their command. If this procedure is not adopted, the forces located in the Gulf will have the appearance of colonialist forces engaged in aggressive action. Resolution 665 will, in this event, mean nothing more than the imposition of a fait accompli.

In conclusion, I should like to stress that Libya is anxious that the Charter of the United Nations and international legitimacy should be respected and followed; it cannot accept any measure that is incompatible with international legitimacy and the Charter of the United Nations.

(Signed) Colonel Muammar QADDAFI
Leader of the Great Revolution
of 1 September

