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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Letter dated 24 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

On 2 December 1983, the Secretary of State of the United States of America issued a ruling extending for a further year the ban on the use of United States passports for travel to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and the ruling was published as Public Notice 889 of 13 December 1983.

The United States Administration alleged that there have been acts of intimidation against United States nationals in Libya and that Libya is a zone hazardous to the general health of travellers from the United States of America.

The Jamahiriya wishes to state its categorical rejection of these allegations. No United States national has ever been exposed to any harassment, let alone any intimidation. There are dozens of Americans in Libya now, as well as close on 1 million aliens of more than 120 nationalities, who enjoy all the facilities enjoyed by nationals of the Jamahiriya and all safeguards and free health and education services.

Indeed, the reports of the World Health Organization, which are not secret, state that the Jamahiriya is regarded as being in the forefront of the States of the world which provide free health services to their nationals and to resident aliens and that it is free from all contagious diseases.

Finally, emphasizing that the statements contained in the notice issued by the United States Administration have no basis in fact, we stress also that we welcome foreign nationals, including Americans, and emphasize that their security and safety and the security of their families are guaranteed. The allegations of the

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United States Administration fall within the context of hostile policy and distorted propaganda campaigns against the Libyan Arab Republic; they are aimed at depriving it of foreign technical expertise and are in line with the practices applied by the United States Administration against the Libyan Arab people and its economic boycott of that people.

I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" and "Development and international economic co-operation".

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