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Letter dated 15 January 1988 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 to you herewith the text of a message addressed to you by Colonel Muammar Qaddafi concerning the situation currently prevailing in the occupied territories and the arrests, expulsions and killings to which the children of the Palestinian people are being subjected.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Question of Palestine" and "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Sunni MUNTASSER
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ANNEX

The hideous crimes - arrests, expulsions and killings - and the blatant human rights violations to which unarmed Palestinian women, old people and children are currently being subjected in the occupied territories are more barbaric than the crimes perpetrated by the Nazis and have reached the point where we are forced to reconsider post-war culture and its definition of crimes against humanity.

The world demands that we take firm action to put an end to the tragedy of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and this can only be done by adopting sanctions to punish the Israeli criminals for their heinous crimes.

Muammar QADDAFI
