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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 39/60 ON THE IMMEDIATE
CESSATION AND PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS

Letter dated 26 December 1985 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 letter addressed to the Secretary-General by Dr. Ali Adessalam Treiki, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, in which he expresses the concern of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya regarding the danger posed by the continuation of nuclear-weapon tests and its hope that the beginning of the year 1986 will mark the end of nuclear-weapon tests in all their forms.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/60 on the immediate cessation and prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests".

(Signed) Rajab A. AZZAROUK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the
People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison

I should like to draw your attention, on the eve of the new year, to the question of the cessation of the nuclear-arms race and the danger posed by the continuation of nuclear-weapon tests.

In this connection I wish to reaffirm once again that the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya opposes the continuation of nuclear-weapon tests in all their forms and manifestations because of the disastrous effects such explosions have on mankind and the threat of destruction and annihilation imperilling mankind's future. I also wish to inform you that, while welcoming the position taken by the Soviet Union, which has decided to discontinue nuclear-weapon tests unilaterally and provisionally until the end of 1905, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya expresses its grave concern at the fact that some States are continuing to conduct nuclear tests.

The claim by some nuclear-weapon States that they wish to eliminate their stockpiles of such weapons is mere propaganda. The continuation of nuclear-weapon tests by those States shows that they are in fact attempting to improve existing weapons and to increase their destructive power.

We believe that the international community should call upon nuclear-weapon States to follow the Soviet Union's example, should request that country not to resume its nuclear tests and should devote to urgent humanitarian causes the material resources now being squandered on the arms race.

We hope that the beginning of 1986 will also mark the beginning of the cessation of nuclear tests in all their forms and manifestations.

(Signed) Dr. Ali Abdessalam TREIKI
Secretary of the People's Committee
of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison
