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## Letter dated 14 March 1988 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 from Mr. Jadallah Azzouz Talhi, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, concerning the United States Administration's continuing hostility and arrogance towards the United Nations and towards peoples struggling for freedom and independence, and concerning its decision to enforce the legislation regarding the closure of the office of the Observer Mission of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to the united Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 37 and 138 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

> Ali A. TREIKI (Signed) Permanent Representative

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On many occasions we have warned about the gravity of the United States Administration's arbitrary and irresponsible actions against missions and officials of States Members of the United Nations. Such actions constitute flagrant violations of all the rules and conventions of international law. Today, we note with dismay that the United States Administration is persisting in its hostile and arrogant **policy towards** the United Nations and towards peoples struggling for freedom and independence, and has decided to enforce the legislation reqarding the **closure** Of the **New** York office of the **Observer** Mission of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations as from 21 March 1988.

The only explanation for this arbitrary action is that the United States Administration has yielded to Zionist pressure and blackmail. Such action represents a continuation of the open hostility and racist measures against the Arab nation and the children of the Palestinian Arab people. The impressive Popular uprising against the racist Zionist occupation in which they are now engaged is an attempt to **secure** their legitimate rights. The occupation forces, for the ir part, are using all illegitimate means to **crusn** that uprising, with the assistance of the United States Administration. The decision **by** that Administration constitutes a flagrant violation **o**.: the **1947** Agreement **and** of General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX), 42/210, 42/229 A and 42/229 B. The United States Administration is thus flout inq the wishes of the internat ional community and failing to honour its obligations towards the united Nations. This is a dangerous precedent for future **treatment** of all missions to the United Nations.

This situation only serves to confirm our often-stated conviction: the united States is no longer the right place for the Headquarters of the United Nations. The **international** community **must** therefore **assume** its responsibilities and **work** towards moving the Headquarters to a peace-loving country capable of abiding by its international commitments.

I am grateful to you for your efforts to find a **solution** to this problem, and I appeal to you to take such action as you may consider appropriate in order to ensure the representation of the Palestine Liberation Oryanization at the United Nations.

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(Signed) Jadallah Azzouz TALHI Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison