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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

COMMUNIQUE BY THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

1. The Permanent Representation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has requested the Technical Secretariat to distribute to Member States the Joint Letter on Peace and Security that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya signed with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 26 June 2006.
2. The Joint Letter on Peace and Security is annexed hereto.

Annex: Joint Letter on Peace and Security between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland





**Joint Letter on Peace and Security
between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

1. Within the framework of the new relationship between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the two States reconfirm their desire and commitment to create peaceful and secure relations based upon the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and likewise express their common concern to maintain world peace and security.
2. The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom, working to develop their relations on the basis of mutual respect and sovereign equality, confirm their common duty to co-operate in maintaining international peace and security and to support universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and to bring to an end all forms of racial discrimination and all types of terrorism and violent religious extremism.
3. The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom recall their mutual commitment to refrain from organising, assisting or participating in acts of civil strife or terrorism or acquiescing in organised activities directed towards the commission of such acts.
4. The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom, recalling their joint commitment to reach a settlement of disputes by peaceful means and in a manner that does not endanger justice or international peace and security, will refrain in



their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of either State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

5. The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom will work to reach an early settlement of their mutual differences through dialogue and direct negotiation and peaceful and friendly means within the framework of respect for the principle of refraining from interfering in matters within the domestic jurisdiction of any State and will participate likewise to resolve international disputes in accordance with the principles and aims of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.
6. The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom recall the United Kingdom's declaration on security assurances attached to the letter dated 6 April 1995 sent by the UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN Doc.A/50/152;S/1995/262). That declaration reaffirms the intention of the United Kingdom to seek immediate Security Council action to provide assistance, in accordance with the Charter, to any non-nuclear weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, that is a victim of an act of aggression or an object of a threat of aggression in which nuclear weapons are used.
7. Bearing in mind the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction 1972 and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction 1993, the United Kingdom confirms that it would seek appropriate action by the Security Council in the event that it



determines that the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is subject to an act of aggression or threat of aggression in which chemical or biological weapons are used.

8. In the context of the aforementioned, and taking into consideration the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya's voluntary initiative to dispose of its Weapons of Mass Destruction programmes on 19 December 2003 and so that this initiative might be an example to be emulated by other States, the United Kingdom through its membership of the United Nations Security Council will:
 - Provide support in accordance with any decision of the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Charter or relevant conventions, to the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the case that it is the victim of an act of aggression or threat of aggression in which chemical or biological weapons are used;
 - Work directly or through the international community to strengthen the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya's defence capabilities so as to ensure that it is able to protect its security and the safety of its national territory from all threats;
 - Offer material, specialists, and technical assistance necessary to enable the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to transform the programmes it renounced into peaceful programmes; and
 - Arrange for this joint letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.
9. The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom will work together to make the Mediterranean a region of peace and security and a bridge for civilisation and culture. They will promote regional security by acting, inter alia, in



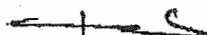
favour of nuclear, chemical and biological non-proliferation and disarmament through adherence to and compliance with international and regional non-proliferation regimes, arms control and disarmament agreements such as the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; the Chemical Weapons Convention; the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention; the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and regional arrangements such as establishing a Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear, chemical and biological, and their delivery systems. They will also urge the States of the Mediterranean to fulfil in good faith their commitments and obligations under those regimes and agreements.

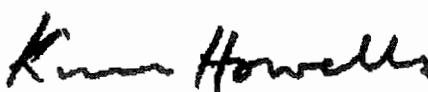
The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland upon matters referred to therein.

Signed in Duplicate at Tripoli on this 26th day of al-Sayf 1374/ June 2006 in the Arabic and English Languages, both texts having equal validity.

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