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Madam,

On behalf of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament I wish to acknowledge receipt of your note dated 8 June 1998 by which you inform him of the request of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for admission as a full member in the Conference on Disarmament.

In that connection, I wish to inform you that I have circulated today copy of your communication to all members of the Conference and informed the Special Coordinator on the Expansion of Membership of the Conference, Ambassador Hofer of Switzerland, of your request.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bensmail', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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The Secretary General of the General People's Committee for the Foreign Liaisons and International Cooperation presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament at the United Nations Office in Geneva and has the honour to request the adherence of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as a full member of the Conference on Disarmament.

Indeed, considering its distinguished position as a relay between Europe, Africa and Asia, and considering its vast, sparsely populated territory, the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya gives a great importance to disarmament and its straight impact on international peace and security. Moreover, the Great Jamahiriya intends to devote its resources to the development of its people rather than to armament.

The Great Jamahiriya which has participated as an Observer of the Conference on Disarmament for many years is soliciting its adherence as a full member in order to participate therefore in a more active manner as part of the Conference and in its negotiations to establish treaties of disarmament.

The Great Jamahiriya is part of many international treaties in relation with disarmament and is one of the countries which always emphasizes the need to establish the Middle-East and Africa as a zone free from nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

The request of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to adhere to the Conference is in keeping with the general pattern of its legitimate right supported in many occasions by General Assembly resolutions. These resolutions confirm the right to every country to adhere to the Conference and to study all the requests of adherence submitted by them.

The Secretary General of the General People's Committee for the Foreign Liaisons and International Cooperation expresses the hope that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya will receive a positive response to this request and avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament at the United Nations Office in Geneva the assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 8 June 1998

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