

(Mr. Omar, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

while the international community is considering this matter? In fact, the United States Administration is seeking a pretext to commit yet another of its repeated acts of aggression against Libya. The United States declarations contain an open threat to use force against Libya, in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and international law. Such an act would have an adverse effect on the peace and security of the central Mediterranean region. The United States Administration seems fond of committing aggression against small peoples, as has happened in a number of cases, most recently in Panama. Such declarations also imply a hostile incitement to States not to deal with Libya, in an attempt to expand the scope of the economic embargo which the United States has imposed on Libya in total disregard of the obligations of the United States, as a major Power, to preserve international peace and security and to promote friendly relations among nations.

I urge the members of the Conference on Disarmament to show understanding for the Libyan position on this matter. I hope that the United States Administration will heed the rule of law and wisdom and resort to dialogue instead of provocation and the threat of force.

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Mr. LEDOGAR (United States of America): I would simply like to state our regret at the Libyan choice of this forum to make its response to statements about Libyan chemical weapons capabilities that were made in Washington. The White House spokesman has commented on this matter in some detail; those comments were not made in the context of our negotiations here, but since the representative of Libya has raised them here this morning, I can only state that my authorities stand by those comments.