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CANADA ENDORSES DECLARATION ON LIBYAN ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN LOCKERBIE BOMBING

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, on behalf of the Government of Canada, strongly endorses the joint United States-France-Great Britain declaration on terrorism and fully supports the further demands that the U.S. and Britain have made today to the Libyan government in connection with the Lockerbie bombing of the American jetliner Pan Am flight 103 on December 21, 1988. Two hundred and seventy people from 21 countries died in the bombing.

Canada calls on the Government of Libya to comply fully with the U.S.-British demands and to refrain from and reject any further involvement in the encouragement and support of terrorist actions.

On November 18, 1991, the Government of Canada communicated with the Libyan authorities to underline the seriousness with which we regard this matter and to express our support for the British and U.S. requests.

We are now awaiting the Libyan response. We believe the Lockerbie tragedy, as well as the bombing of the French UTA DC-10 over Niger on September 19, 1989, in which 171 people died, are serious matters that should continue to be addressed by the international community as a whole.

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