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**NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION  
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 205**

**ACTING AGAINST LIBYAN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM (C)**

The scope and tempo of Libyan-supported terrorist activity against western targets is widening and accelerating. Americans, along with Europeans and Israelis, are increasingly being victimized by this violence. Evidence of Qadhafi's support of terrorism, to include the December 27 attacks in Rome and Vienna, is indisputable. While the objectives of specific terror operations vary, I have determined that the policies and actions in support of international terrorism by the Government of Libya constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. (C)



To achieve these objectives, I will issue an Executive Order invoking authorities under the International Economic Emergency Powers Act, the National Emergencies Act, Section 1114 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 as amended, and Section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code to terminate American economic activity in and related to Libya. The following economic sanctions shall be imposed, effective no later than February 1, 1986:

- a total ban on direct export and import trade with Libya, except for publications and donations of articles, such as medicine, for the relief of human suffering;
- a ban on service contracts (present and future) in Libya.

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prohibition of travel-related transactions other than those incident to speedy departure from Libya or for journalistic activity;

clarification that MFN under the Trade Expansion Act of 1952 and Trade Act of 1974 is inapplicable to Libya; and

The following sanctions are immediately effective:

-- a prohibition on grants of new loans, other extensions of credit and transfers to Libya, Libyan controlled entities, or Libyan nationals, and of property other than their previously owned assets.

-- [REDACTED] vessels under the effective control of or bearing the flag of Libya shall be refused entry to U.S. ports. Vessels suspected of being under the effective control of Libya may be subject to security provisions. (C)

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The United States will not freeze Libyan assets at this time. (C)

Every effort shall be made to seek Allied implementation of comparable economic sanctions and agreement not to replace U.S. business and personnel. (C)

In addition to these economic measures, the United States will initiate a global diplomatic and public affairs campaign to isolate Libya. To that end the Department of State shall prepare a plan designed to curtail Libyan political activities inimical to western interests. (C)

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