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At the invitation of His Excellency Dr. Samuel Kanyon Doe,
President of the Republic of Liberia, His Excellency Maaouya Ould
Sid Ahmed Taya, Chairman of the Military Committee for National
Salvation, and Head of State of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,
made a State Visit to Liberia from November 8th to 10th. The
Mauritanian Head of State was accompanied by the following Officials
who constituted his Retinue:

Colonel Mohamed Sidina Ould Sidya
Member of the Military Committee for
National Salvation, Minister of Foreign
Affairs and Cooperation

Doctor Louleid Ould Weddad
Director of Cabinet of the Chairman of the
Military Committee for National Salvation

Colonel Ahamedou Ould Abdella
Ambassador of Mauritania to Liberia

Mr. Sidney Sokhone
Presidential Advisor of the Military
Committee for National Salvation

Mr. Abderrahim Ould Hadrami
Ambassador, Director of the African
Department of the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs and Cooperation

President Samuel Kanyon Doe, in welcoming His Excellency Maaouya
Ould Sid Ahmed Taya and his Entourage to Liberia extended to them
sincere greetings and expressed pleasure at the opportunity afforded
by the visit for the exchange of ideas as a major step toward the
further strengthening of relations between their two Governments and
peoples.

The two Presidents held talks in an atmosphere of fraternity and cordiality on a broad range of bilateral, regional and international issues.

The two Leaders reaffirmed their unflinching support for the principles and aspirations of the United Nations Organization, the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Community of West African States and the Non-Aligned Movement.

Noting with deep concern the alarming economic situation experienced by Third World Countries, particularly countries on the African continent, the two Presidents acknowledged and reaffirmed their commitment to bilateral and regional economic cooperation as a means of ensuring economic recovery on the continent. In so doing, they expressed their support for the United Nations Programme of Action for Africa's Economic Recovery and Development, and called for an international Conference on Africa's Debt Crises in accordance with common position of the Organization of African Unity.

The two Leaders emphasized the importance of encouraging, promoting and fostering bilateral cooperation through trade and commerce as well as through technical and cultural exchanges between their two peoples. To this end, the two Presidents agreed to reactivate the Cultural Agreement signed between their two countries in 1969, and to constitute a Joint Commission to explore ways of developing and coordinating scientific, economic and technical cooperation between their two countries in the near future.

The two Leaders agreed to expand their bilateral cooperation in the following fields:

- (a) The Fishing Industry
- (b) Joint Iron Ore Ventures
- (c) The Timber Industry
- (d) Fruits Production
- (e) The Rubber Industry.

The two Leaders strongly condemned the inhumane and repressive policy of Apartheid and indicated their unwavering commitment to global action against South Africa as a means to achieving self-determination for the Black Majority under the leadership of the ANC. They further expressed concern over the continued illegal occupation of Namibia by racist South Africa and its refusal to implement Security Council Resolution 435. They reaffirmed their moral and material support to the gallant people of Namibia in their just struggle for independence under the leadership of SWAPO. Consistent with the OAU's position on the Frontline States, the two Leaders categorically denounced and rejected all acts of destabilization perpetrated by South Africa against those States.

The two Heads of State further discussed the Western Sahara problem and welcomed the recent initiatives by the United Nations and the OAU to effect a cease fire and to structure a referendum which is accepted by both parties.

On the Middle East, the two Leaders, noting the grave situation, reiterated their adherence to all Resolutions adopted by the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations General Assembly and the Non-Aligned Movement. President Doe and President Taya called for an international conference on the Middle East with equal participation of all the concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organization which is the authentic representative of the Palestinian people.

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The two Leaders extensively discussed developments in their respective countries. President Doe commended President Taya and his Government for the continued efforts being made to bring economic benefits to the people of Mauritania.

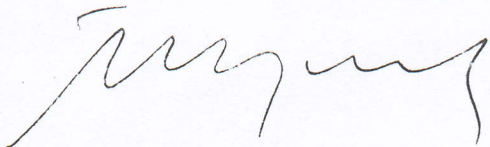
President Taya, on behalf of his Government and people commended the Government of Liberia for its policy of reconciliation and reconstruction.

President Taya expressed his deepest appreciation to President Doe, the Government and people of Liberia for the warm and fraternal reception accorded him and his delegation during their stay in Liberia.

As a result of his fruitful and rewarding visit as well as the fraternal ties that subsist between their two countries, President Taya extended an invitation to President Doe to visit Mauritania, which President Doe accepted with pleasure. The date of the visit will be set through diplomatic channel.

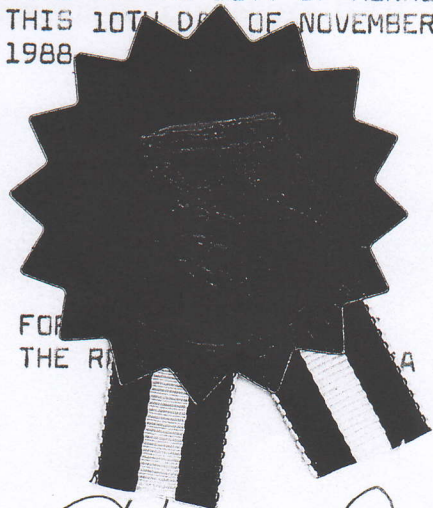
DONE AT THE CITY OF MONROVIA
THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D.
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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA



Col. Maaouya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya
Chairman of the Military Committee
for National Salvation and
Head of State

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



Dr. Samuel Kanyon Doe
President of Liberia