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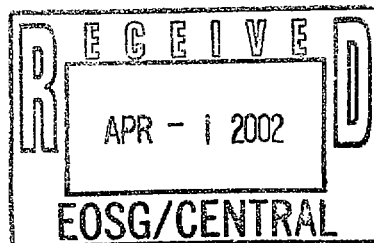
**Statement Attributable to the Spokesman of the
Secretary-General**

Lockerbie Decision

The Lockerbie trial understandably has been followed with great interest, and has caused anguish to many. The families of the victims have been suffering ever since this tragic event, and the Secretary-General shares their sorrow. With today's decision by the Court, the time may now have come when these families can at last close this tragic chapter in their lives.

As has been agreed with all the parties concerned, the United Nations Secretariat will now enter into arrangements with the British Authorities to monitor the conditions of Mr. Al-Megrahi's imprisonment in Scotland.

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