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Lantos to Make Official Visit to Libya

Washington, D.C. - After discussions spanning several months, the government of Libya has invited Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), the ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee, to meet with senior Libyan officials. In light of the country's decision in December to acknowledge that it has pursued nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and its pledge to cooperate with the international community in dismantling these programs, Lantos has accepted the invitation and is making arrangements for a visit starting this weekend.

Upon his return, Lantos will report his observations to his congressional colleagues and to the administration. These arrangements are being made in coordination with the White House and the U.S. Department of State. Congressman Lantos will be accompanied by a bipartisan staff team of the House International Relations Committee

Lantos met this morning with some of the families of the victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing. This afternoon he had a lengthy discussion with the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Ambassador William Burns.

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