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AU Chairperson Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, Left, with the Leader of the Revolution Muammar Al-Qathafi during a two-day official visit to Tripoli, 18 November 2008.

President Bush Phones the Leader, Stresses Strong, Lasting Relations

In a further sign of warming ties between Tripoli and Washington, the American President George W. Bush called the Leader of the Revolution Muammar Al-

Qathafi on Monday expressing the US' desire to establish strong and lasting relations with Libya.

The Libyan news agency JANA reported that President Bush said he was happy to make

the phone call with Al-Qathafi.

"I express my happiness to talk to you in this call to confirm what we have agreed upon. There is a great opportunity ahead of us now to build strong

and lasting relations between our two countries which are now ready to move ahead," JANA quoted President Bush as saying to Al-Qathafi.

President Bush continued to say during the call: "I am very happy to call and I will be

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Strauss-Kahn Praises Libya's Economic Reform Efforts

Financial Turmoil will have Limited impact on Maghreb Countries but Vulnerable to Global Economic Downturn

Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) praised Libya's efforts to introduce economic reforms saying his discussions with Libyan officials convinced him that Libya is making progress in its reform agenda, with the goal

of realizing even higher growth and improving the standard of living among its people.

Mr. Strauss-Kahn participated in the fourth annual conference on Progress in Regional Integration and Promotion of Joint Ventures in

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