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Gaddafi Calls for UN Reform, War Criminals Held Accountable

Speaking to the General Assembly of the UN on Wednesday 23 September 2009, the African Union President Muammar Gaddafi called upon the members of the UN to consider the reform of this world organization because it was established first established by only four powers.

He also called for those who started wars such as Vietnam and Iraq to be held accountable to such criminal deeds.

Gaddafi congratulated United States President Barack Obama on his first address to the General Assembly and said this year's debate was being held in the midst of many challenges that require all states to unite and defeat them.

Among these challenges, Gaddafi mentioned the global financial crisis, the collapse of the capitalist economy, the food and water crises, desertification, terrorism, immigration, the spread of diseases that are man-made and otherwise as some of the viruses were manufactured by military establishments as weapons and the inability to control them.

He also pointed at the "terrorizing proliferation of nuclear weapons, along with other types of terrorism, the spread of hypocrisy, fear, immorality and the domination of materialism all are problems and challenges that form a common enemy to us all."

He also accused major powers on the Security Council of betraying the principles of the UN charter.

The AU president said the Preamble of the UN Charter contradicts with its provisions and that is what makes the world divided into oppressors and oppressed nations.

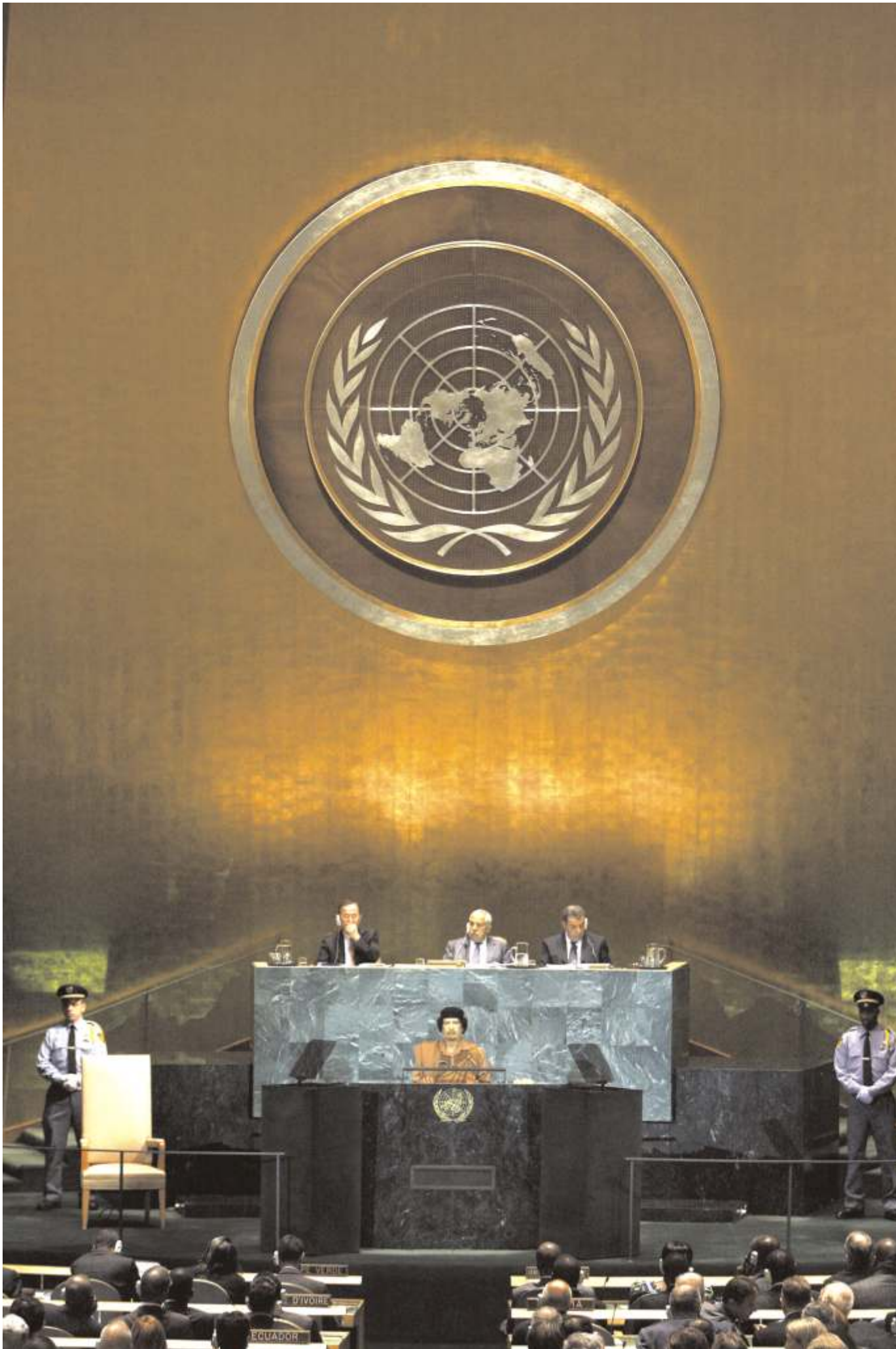
Gaddafi called for the reform of the UN because it was not established to include all these 194 independent states that are now members in it.

"It was originally established in the 1940 by three or four states that wanted to unite against Germany during World War I. These few states established a council and called it the Security Council. These states give themselves permanent seats and the veto right," he said.

"We who are gathering here today were not present then. Those powers designed the United Nations according to their likes and then told us to wear such dress that they made when they were against Germany.

"The Security Council since its establishment did not provide us with security but on the contrary provides us with terror and sanctions," he said. "It was

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AU President Muammar Al-Qadhafi addresses the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly. Behind him are Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (left) and Ali Treki, President of the 64th session of the GA. The UN, New York Date: 23 Sept. 2009.

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