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LETTER DATED 3 AUGUST 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour, with reference to the two letters addressed to you concerning the recent events in Chad and issued on 1 August 1983 as documents S/15897 and S/15898, to state the following:

1. The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya categorically rejects the allegations of Libyan intervention in Chad.
2. On 29 July 1983, Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, leader of the revolution of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, sent to President Mengistu Haile Mariam, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, a letter in which he reaffirmed Libya's commitment to neutrality with regard to the conflict currently taking place in Chad and proposed that the Organization of African Unity should send a fact-finding mission to the town of Faya-Largeau to establish that all the allegations which have been disseminated concerning Libyan intervention in Chad have no basis in truth, as reaffirmed in our letter issued on 6 July 1983 as document S/15856. We have contacted the Organization of African Unity again regarding this matter.
3. The allegations being disseminated by Hissein Habré are designed to cover up the murderous operations which he is carrying out against the people of Chad and to justify the flagrant imperialist intervention against the fraternal people of Chad.
4. The direct intervention of two States members of the Security Council, namely, the United States and France, in the affairs of Chad and the support given to the rebellion against legality constitutes a matter of the utmost gravity.
5. The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya condemns this intervention and draws attention to the negative consequences and the dangers which it entails for peace and security in the region and in the world.

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6. The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya reaffirms its commitment to working for the establishment of peace in Chad and for the achievement of national reconciliation between the various Chad factions, in accordance with the Lagos Agreement signed on 18 August 1979.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Awad Salih BURWIN
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