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**LETTER DATED 12 DECEMBER 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, following the meeting held by the Security Council on 18 November 1986, the escalation by Libya of its aggression in Chad has been gathering momentum, becoming more and more open and inadmissible. Indeed, as we have repeatedly stated and repeat once more here, the Libyan Army, after an intense campaign of disinformation and deception, which provided the respite it needed to oil its war machine, has entered a new phase in the escalation of its aggression.

Thus, on Thursday morning, 11 December, a large-scale airborne and ground attack was launched by Libyan forces against positions held by Chadian patriotic forces at Bardai.

Libya's invasion forces are under the command of Colonel Riffi and operate from Aouzou. At this moment there is exceptionally violent fighting between the patriotic forces and the Libyan Army, which is using napalm bombs and poison gases in the battle.

In their usual fashion, the Chadian patriotic forces, with the support of the civilian population of Tibesti, are putting up a heroic resistance to the advance of the Libyan troops.

This attack on Bardai is a prelude to a major offensive throughout Tibesti (Zouar, Yebhi-Bou, Zoumri, Wour and Bir-Cherda).

In the face of this new and serious situation, which jeopardizes Chad's sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity, the Government of Chad expresses its deep concern and once again draws the attention of friendly and fraternal countries and international public opinion, particularly the United Nations, whose Security Council has only just considered anew Chad's complaint against Qaddafi's Libya, to the systematic genocide being carried out by the expansionist and terrorist régime of Libya against the Chadian population.

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The Government of Chad strongly condemns this criminal and barbarous behaviour of the terrorist Tripoli régime, which not only threatens the lives of Chadians in the occupied zone, but endangers peace and security in the region in brazen violation of the letter and the spirit of the statement issued by the Security Council on 6 April 1983, in which the members of the Council "call on the parties to settle these differences without any undue delay and by peaceful means" and "urge both sides to refrain from any actions which could aggravate the ... situation".

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council and to have it placed in the Chad-Libya file of which the Council remains seized.

(Signed) Mahamat Ali ADOUM  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

