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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to my note No. 099/MPT/87 of 7 August 1987 informing you of the preparations for a Libyan military offensive against Chad, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the message addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chad concerning the grave situation currently prevailing in the north of my country. The text reads as follows:

"President of the Security Council, United Nations, New York.

"Greetings. I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

"On the morning of 8 August 1987, Libyan forces attacked the positions of the Chadian National Armed Forces (FANT) in Tibesti, at Bardaï and Umchi. The fighting, which raged fiercely over a sector of several dozen kilometres, ended with the liberation of the Chadian town of Aouzou. It should be noted that Aouzou lies 100 kilometres south of the international frontier between Chad and Libya. In the face of premeditated and unmistakable aggression, carried out in contempt of all the efforts of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), especially the resolution adopted at the twenty-third summit meeting calling on the two parties to seek a negotiated solution to the dispute, Chad exercised its inalienable right of self-defence.

"Blatantly false statements consisting of propaganda and obfuscation in no way detract from the reality of the Libyan aggression against Chad; the aggression and occupation of Chadian territory, moreover, have dragged on for more than a decade. It goes without saying that, through these new aggressive initiatives, the Fascist junta in Tripoli is deliberately trying to sabotage the efforts aimed at settling the dispute between Chad and Libya by peaceful means. While determined to defend itself and to repel the invaders, Chad reaffirms once more its readiness to look favourably upon all international initiatives for a peaceful solution, particularly, that put forward by OAU

through the Ad Hoc Committee on the Chad-Libya dispute, which is in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and that of OAU. Highest consideration.

"Gouara Lassou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chad."

I should be obliged if you would have the text of this message distributed as a document of the Council under the Chad-Libya question, of which the Council remains seized.

(Signed) Ahmat A. HAGGAR
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
