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

In his letter dated 4 September 1987 (S/19106), the representative of the terrorist and expansionist Tripoli régime once again seeks to mislead the international community by describing the attack launched by the régime's armed hordes against Aouzou, a town whose Chadian status cannot be disputed, as an exercise of the right to self-defence.

This puerile falsehood, aimed at making the attacker the victim, cannot fool anyone, since it is now common knowledge that Libya, in contempt of all the rules governing relations between States, has persisted in attacking Chad for some 15 years, basing its actions on the reactionary and ominous-sounding concept of "lebensraum and natural extension".

Despite the Chadian Government's continuing readiness to settle this dispute peacefully and in strict compliance with international conventions, rules and customs, Libya, armed to the teeth and receiving counsel from friends outside Africa, has never hidden its shameful determination to bring about the military annihilation of Chad.

Confronted with the Chadian people's fierce determination to defend the land it inherited from colonialism, the annexationist Tripoli régime is now claiming that "certain imperialist Powers are endeavouring to increase the level of tension in the region" and "are currently trying to goad the N'Djamena régime into continuing its aggression against the Jamahiriya ...".

One must question the credibility of these untruthful, base and ridiculous allegations coming from leaders whose political action is characterized only by aggression, destabilization and terrorism.

For what can one say about the impressive arsenal of Soviet-manufactured weapons left behind by the Libyan invaders during their earlier series of flights?

What is one to make of the non-African nationals taken prisoner or shot down in the cockpits of Soviet-made aircraft who daily murder and mutilate Chadian civilians?

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What can one say about the Libyan bombing of Ounianga Kebbir on 25 August 1987 while Chad was receiving in its capital H.E. Mr. Kenneth Kaunda, President of the Republic of Zambia and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, who had come to offer to mediate in the Chad-Libya conflict? What an arrogant dismissal of Africa's premier organization!

In the light of the above, which amply demonstrates the determination of the racist and fascist Tripoli régime to place Chad under its control, the Chadian Government, while according priority to impartial initiatives designed to achieve a just peace which are marked by respect for Chad's territorial integrity and independence, shall defend itself against Libyan aggression by all means, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

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

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