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LETTER DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison concerning the aggression by imperialist forces against the southern frontier of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

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

(Signed) Dr. Ali A. TREIKI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter from the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for
Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to
the President of the Security Council

We have already informed the Council of the serious situation on our southern frontier as a result of the military aggression launched against our territory by the forces of the Habré régime with direct backing and support from France and the imperialist Powers, which are endeavouring to increase the level of tension in the region with a view to establishing a pretext for an assault on the security and integrity of the Jamahiriya.

The aggression against the Libyan village of Aozou on 8 August 1987 and the aggression against the Ma'tan as Sarah civilian airport on 5 September 1987 are simply elements of the imperialist plot against the security and integrity of the Jamahiriya being put into effect by the N'Djamena puppet régime.

Although the Jamahiriya has already declared that it has no ambitions inside Chad and that it does not wish to go to war with the fraternal people of Chad, who are linked to the Libyan people by relations of neighbourliness and shared history, it has once again found itself the victim of a treacherous attack launched by Habré's forces, with the backing and support of France and the imperialist Powers.

We have already alerted the Council to the danger posed by this foreign intervention in Chad and have called for the withdrawal of French and other foreign forces on the grounds that they constitute the principal reasons for the escalation and intensification of the conflict in the region.

The situation today is extremely dangerous, following the direct intervention of France and the United States in military operations and their use of military means against Libyan forces which are carrying out their task of self-defence. Official statements issued in Paris, as well as the remark by the official spokesman for the United States Department of State on 4 September 1987 to the effect that the United States was continuing its talks with Chad on assistance for that country in its war against Libya, confirm the direct participation of both France and the United States in this conflict.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya reserves its right to take every available measure to repel the aggression by every possible means, with a view to defending its sovereignty and the integrity of its territory under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Dr. James Victor Gbeho
President of the Security Council