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LETTER DATED 11 AUGUST 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter dated 1 August 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, document S/14094, I have the honour to bring the following points to your attention:

1. The aforementioned letter is yet another futile attempt by the Libyan representative to distort facts and cast doubts on Egypt's foreign policy. It is almost a reproduction of the note verbale dated 19 June 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (document S/14010) which the Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt refuted in his letter to the President of the Security Council dated 3 July 1980 (document S/14062).
2. The Egyptian foreign policy is based upon, and fully consistent with, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of non-alignment and the principles of international law.
3. The precautionary measures adopted by the Egyptian Government are aimed at facing Libya's recurring overt threats against Egypt and attempts by Libyan agents to commit terrorist acts and sabotage in Egypt. Those measures are confined to Egyptian territory and are fully within Egypt's sovereign rights.
4. The tension that prevails in the Egyptian-Libyan border areas is a direct result of Libya's hostile and aggressive policy against Egypt, its people and Government. Libya stands responsible for any further deterioration in the situation.

Upon instructions from my Government, I request that this letter be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative