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LETTER DATED 22 APRIL 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF 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 letter dated 20 February 1981 (S/14380), in which I drew your attention to the fact that calm and peace had returned to Chad, I have the honour to inform you that the latter is seriously threatened with armed aggression by Egypt and the Sudan.

In addition to the statement of 16 March 1981 by the Minister for Forcign Affairs of Egypt, Mr. Kamal Hassan Ali, publicly acknowledging that his country was giving military support to the rebel Hissène Habré, the governmental newspaper of Egypt, Al Akhbar, stated in an article on 8 April 1981 that the Sudancse Government had already completed its preparations for a military invasion of Chad. That report confirms the inopportune statements by President al Memery concerning intervention in Chad for the purpose of destabilizing that country.

These Sudanese-Egyptian threats, encouraged and supported by military and financial assistance provided by certain Powers, are aimed solely at plunging Chad into war once again, a course which would not only entail suffering for the people of Chad but would also constitute a serious threat to peace and security in the region.

The Government of Chad strongly condemns the attitude of all these countries, since it is contrary to the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations and to the principles of friendly relations among States. It requests you to inform the Governments of Egypt and the Sudan of this condemnation, and to request them to end their evil threats against Chad.

The people of Chad, who have suffered through a long civil war, aspire only to peace and the reconstruction of their country with the assistance of the international community. However, they are determined to defend their independence, their national sovereignty and their territorial integrity by every means.

It is against this background that the Government of Chad informs you that if these threats continue, it reserves the right to seize the Security Council of the matter.

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

(<u>Signed</u>) Ngaré KESSELY Chargé d'Affaires a.i.