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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Enclosed please find the text of a letter addressed to you from
H.E. Dr. Boutros Boutros Ghali, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Arab
Republic of Egypt.

I would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) A. Esmat Abdel MEGUID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 24 April 1981 from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
of Egypt addressed to the President of the Security Council

My Government is aware of the letter of 22 April 1981 addressed to Your Excellency by the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Chad and circulated as Security Council document S/14455.

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt categorically denies the malicious charges contained in that letter. The allegations that Egypt threatened Chad with armed aggression and that it was giving military support to Hussein Hebre are baseless and obviously self-serving.

I should like also to emphasize that the statement of 16 March 1981 by H.E. Mr. Kamal Hassan Ali, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, referred to in the above-mentioned letter, was misquoted and completely distorted.

The Arab Republic of Egypt is fully committed to the respect of the OAU resolutions on Chad and has repeatedly demanded that they should be implemented in order to achieve national reconciliation in Chad and to maintain its independence and territorial integrity.

Consequently, the Arab Republic of Egypt, condemned at the very beginning, the Libyan invasion of Chad, which constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and that of the OAU, and a serious challenge to the decisions and resolutions of our regional organization.

The Libyan invasion of Chad threatens the peace and security of the whole African continent and, hence, Egypt reserves the right to seize the Security Council on the matter.

(Signed) Boutros Boutros GHALI
Minister of State for
Foreign Affairs of the
Arab Republic of Egypt
