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LETTER DATED 11 AUGUST 1981 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the position of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan on the contents of the message contained in the annex of document S/14624.

It is regrettable that the Libyan Government has once again resorted to propagation of unfounded allegations and accusations against my country. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan strongly rejects these allegations and accusations and considers them baseless, malicious and absurd. We reiterate our condemnation and denunciation of repeated Libyan resort to such unwarranted and undignified practices in the conduct of international relations.

It is ironic and amazing that a country like Libya, with a well-known record of aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of African and non-African States and peoples should accuse the Sudan of "hatching a hostile plan ... to wage a military aggression against Libya ...".

It is a matter of record that the Democratic Republic of the Sudan has never committed, planned, or even contemplated an act of aggression or intervention against any of its neighbours, including Libya. Our full adherence to, and respect for the principles of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in their internal affairs, peaceful settlement of disputes and good-neighbourliness, need no emphasis. Our known friendly and co-operative relations with our neighbours, the selection of the Sudan and its active participation in mediation efforts to peacefully settle interstate disputes in Africa and the Arab World, is a clear testimony. As a matter of fact it is our abhorrence, rejection and consistent opposition of all policies that compromise these lofty principles which is the very root cause of our differences with Libya.

It is equally ironic and regrettable that the ongoing Sudanese-Egyptian co-operation, within the framework of our declared Programme of Economic and Political Integration, is conceived and regarded by Libya as a conspiracy of military aggression against it. Such subregional co-operation, as called for in the Charters of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, aims at the realization of the legitimate aspirations of the Sudanese and Egyptian peoples in progress and prosperity, and should in no way be construed by Libya as a threat against it or any other State.

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As to the Libyan allegation that there are 90,000 Egyptian troops in the Sudan, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan can only reiterate its previous challenge to Libya to accept impartial inspection to ascertain the presence of foreign troops in the two countries.

The Libyan allegations are merely an attempt at covering up and disguising their policies and designs of aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of other States and peoples as they are currently doing in neighbouring African countries and elsewhere. We are confident that the Security Council and the international community as a whole could easily discern the reality of the Libyan motives and objectives, however disguised.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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