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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith telex No. 0148/MAEC/APOAI of
8 February 1978 addressed to you by Brigadier-General Félix Malloum, President of
the High Military Council, Head of State of the Republic of Chad.

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

(Signed) B. DESSANDE

Annex

Telegram dated 8 February from the Head of State of the Republic
of Chad addressed to the President of the Security Council

No. 0148/MAEC/APOAI

Honour draw your attention to following. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to this day supplied no documentation to OAU to justify its claims to Aouzou. Worse yet, it takes arrogance to point of refusing to participate in any discussion attended by representatives Chad Government on pretext latter engaging in terrorism and subjecting Libyan diplomats and nationals to pressures. This January, Libyan Jamahiriya again refrained from participating in meeting committee experts countries members Ad Hoc Commission, thus aborting planned meeting. In addition, flouting recommendation Ad Hoc Commission, principles of Charters and relevant resolutions of United Nations and OAU and principles of general international law, Libya allows Chad rebels use its national radio to denigrate their country's régime and conduct campaign of demoralization Chad masses. Having failed to achieve its purpose, Libya has now mobilized its armed forces, assisted by foreign elements, in heavy fighting going on since 1 February at Faya. In these circumstances, High Military Council and Provisional Government decided to break off Chad-Libyan diplomatic relations as from 6 February 1978. Libya until now is using diversionary manoeuvres to avoid straightforward approach to frontier dispute with Chad. Chad now passing through dark period in its history and seeks your understanding, and if necessary your support, in this time of trial. Highest consideration.
