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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the Security Council debate that began yesterday 17 February 1978 and that was convened following a request by the Permanent Representative of Chad dated 8 February 1978 and contained in document S/12553.

In the said debate I informed the Council in my intervention that a delegation, composed of the personal envoy of President Jaafar Mohammed Numairi of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan and two Members of the Higher Military Council of the Chad Republic, had arrived in Tripoli in order to achieve a solution of the internal problems in Chad. Discussions between the three countries took place in Tripoli between 16 and 18 February 1978 and at the conclusion of these meetings a joint trilateral communiqué was issued. The translation into English of this trilateral joint communiqué is enclosed herewith.

At the same time bilateral discussions took place between the representatives of the Democratic Republic of Sudan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in regard to assisting the Republic of Chad to attain national reconciliation. As a result of these discussions a bilateral joint press communiqué was issued. The translation into English of this communiqué is also enclosed herewith.

I would be grateful if the members of the Security Council were kept informed of these developments and if this letter with the said enclosures were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mansur R. KIKHIA  
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Chad-Libyan Arab-Sudanese Joint Communiqué issued at  
Tripoli on 18 February 1978

In the spirit of African brotherhood and good-neighbourliness that binds the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, the Republic of Chad and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in compliance with the principles and resolutions of the Organization of African Unity, and in appreciation of the initiative of President Jaafar Mohammed Numairi, a high level Chad delegation accompanied by the personal envoy of President Jaafar Numairi paid a visit to the Jamahiriya. The delegation was received by Colonel Muammar Al-Qaddafi. The delegation delivered to Colonel Al-Qaddafi a verbal message from President Felix Malloum.

Discussions took place between the three countries. The following took part in these discussions:

I. Chad Delegation

- (i) Captain Gowar Lasour  
Member, Higher Military Council  
Minister of Instruction and Education
- (ii) Lieutenant Mohammed Abdul Rahman  
Member, Higher Military Council  
Minister of Justice

II. Sudanese Delegation

- (i) Ambassador Abu Bakr Othman Salah  
Personal Envoy of President Jaafar Mohammed Numairi
- (ii) Ambassador Taj-ul-din Mohammed Al-Taher  
Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan to Chad

III. Libyan Arab Delegation

- (i) Engineer Taha Al-Sharif Bin Amer  
Secretary for Liaison
- (ii) Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Al-Sherif  
Secretary for Instruction and Education
- (iii) Dr. Ali Abdulsalam Al-Treiki  
Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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The discussions concluded with the following agreement:

(1) Convening a meeting of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chad and the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. This meeting was previously proposed to be held in Niamey, capital of Niger on 7 February 1978.

(2) Convening a meeting between President Felix Malloum and Colonel Muammar Al-Qaddafi in Sebha, at the conclusion of the meeting between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries.

(3) Repudiation of any foreign interference aimed at complicating the situation and impeding the efforts already devoted towards achieving Chad national reconciliation and condemning all those who call for dissension and bloodshed among Chad brothers.

(4) Continuation of direct contacts between the three countries in order to ensure the appropriate atmosphere to the Chad brothers to resolve their internal problems in a peaceful manner and by means of a dialogue avoiding a spirit of violence and bloodshed.

In addition to this the delegation of Chad decided to withdraw the complaint to the Security Council and to work for the restoration of diplomatic relations between Chad and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and to allow the Libyan Embassy to undertake its normal activities.

The delegation of Chad expressed its sentiments of appreciation and acknowledgement for the constructive efforts undertaken by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Sudan in the cause of assisting Chad resolve its internal problems and achieving national reconciliation in Chad. The delegation of Chad also expressed its gratitude for the hospitality with which it was received in the Jamahiriya. The three delegations expressed their conviction that the meeting with Colonel Al-Qaddafi and the results of that meeting constitute a new chapter in Libyan-Chad relations, one that is in harmony with the historical and geographical relationship between the two sister countries.

for Chad  
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Member of the Higher Military Council  
Minister of Education

for the Democratic Republic of the Sudan  
Ambassador Abu Bakr Othman Salah  
Personal Envoy of President Jaafar Numairi

for the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
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Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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Annex II

Libyan Arab-Sudanese Joint Communiqué issued at  
Tripoli on 18 February 1978

In the context of the direct contacts between the Democratic Republic of the Sudan and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the cause of assisting the sister Republic of Chad to resolve its internal problems in a peaceful manner, the envoy of President Jaafar Mohammed Al-Numairi paid a visit to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the period between 9 and 11 Rabi'Al-Awal 1398, equivalent to 16 to 18 February 1978. He was received by Colonel Muammar Al-Qaddafi and he presented the latter with a letter from President Jaafar Numairi. The personal envoy was accompanied by two Members of the Higher Military Council of the Chad Republic.

In the light of the discussions undertaken by the personal envoy of the President of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, agreement was reached between the two countries to issue this communiqué pertaining to their agreement on the following points:

- (1) The two countries urgently appeal to the brother Chadians from all sections of the National Liberation Front (PROLINT) to respond to the call for an immediate cease-fire, especially after President Felix Malloum has declared his compliance with this call, which was previously made by President Jaafar Mohammed Al-Numairi.
- (2) The two countries register their appreciation of the position taken by President Felix Malloum and for his response to the call of President Numairi for a cease-fire. They also register their appreciation for the desire of President Malloum to resolve all the internal problems of Chad in a peaceful manner and in the context of reconciliation and putting an end to bloodshed among brothers.
- (3) The two countries appeal to all Chadian parties to put an immediate end to the information and propaganda campaigns between them. The information media should make a call for peace and reconciliation instead of for hatred and bloodshed.
- (4) The two countries again emphasize what was stated in the Libyan-Sudanese Joint Communiqué, that was issued at the conclusion of the visit of the First Vice-President of the Democratic Republic of Sudan, Mr. Abu-Al-Qasem Mohammed Ibrahim and that stated the rejection by both countries of any foreign interference in the internal problems of the Republic of Chad because any such interference would further exacerbate the situation.
- (5) The two countries again express their complete support for the agreement that was reached at Khartoum on 22 January 1978 regarding national reconciliation in Chad.

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It was decided to establish a bilateral committee to make contact with all the Chad parties in order to achieve complete reconciliation among Chad brothers. It was also decided that this committee would begin work as quickly as possible.

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