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LETTER DATED 21 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 refer to my letter of 8 February 1978 (S/12553) and to the discussion begun on 17 February 1978 in the Security Council and to transmit to you herewith the full text of the Chad-Libyan-Sudanese Joint Communiqué stating the results of the tripartite meeting held at Tripoli from 16 to 18 February 1978.

This communiqué was published at N'Djamena on 20 February 1978. I should be grateful if you would have the text of my letter and that of the Joint Communiqué circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) B. DESSANDE

Annex

Joint Communiqué of Chad, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the  
Sudan 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 a personal envoy of President Numairi paid a visit to the Jamahiriya. The delegation was received by Colonel Muammar Al-Qaddafi, leader of the Revolution of 1 September, and delivered to Colonel Al-Qaddafi a verbal message from President Félix Malloum.

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

I. Chad delegation

- (i) Captain Gouara Lassou  
Member, Higher Military Council  
Minister of Education
- (ii) Lieutenant Mahamoud Abderamane  
Member, Higher Military Council  
Minister of Justice

II. Sudanese delegation

- (i) Ambassador Abu Bakr Othman Mohammed 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-Sharif  
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 for Foreign Affairs of Chad and the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. This meeting was previously proposed to be held on 7 February 1978 at Niamey, capital of the Niger.
- (2) Convening a meeting between Colonel Muammar Al-Qaddafi and President Félix Malloum at Sebha, at the conclusion of the meeting between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries.
- (3) Rejection of any foreign interference that might be harmful and counter to the efforts made to achieve national reconciliation in Chad; condemnation of any incitement to violence and bloodshed among Chad brothers.
- (4) Continuation of direct contacts between the three countries in order to ensure the appropriate atmosphere for Chad brothers to resolve their internal problems in a peaceful manner and by means of a dialogue avoiding a spirit of violence and bloodshed.

The Chad side decided to withdraw its complaint to the Security Council and to work for the restoration of diplomatic relations between Chad and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, so as to allow the Libyan Embassy to resume its normal activities.

The delegation of Chad expressed that country's sentiments of appreciation for the constructive efforts undertaken by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan in the cause of helping Chad resolve its internal problems and achieve 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 ties between the two countries.

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Minister of Education

For the Sudanese delegation:  
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Dr. Ali Abdulsalam Al-Treiki  
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