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LETTER DATED 4 JULY 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Democratic Republic of the Sudan has on Friday, 2 July 1976 suffered an act of armed banditry designed to effect the overthrow of its legally constituted Government. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan has massive evidence that the act of aggression has been conceived, prepared and executed by the Government of the Libyan Arab Republic.

As this act of open foreign intervention is a provocation and a threat to the security and safety of the Sudan and, consequently, to international peace and security, I have been instructed by my Government in accordance with paragraph 35 of the United Nations Charter to request you to call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council to discuss this grave act of aggression on the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan.

Also, in accordance with Article 31 of the Charter, I request to participate in the discussion of this issue in the Security Council.

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

(Signed) Mustafa MEDANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

AIDE MEMOIRE

The Democratic Republic of the Sudan has on Friday, 2 July 1976 suffered an act of foreign armed intervention designed to overthrow the legally constituted Government.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan has concrete evidence to prove that this act of aggression has been conceived, prepared and executed by the Government of the Libyan Arab Republic.

The Government of the Libyan Arab Republic provided training, arms and ammunition, and vehicles of transport, to which some mercenaries arrested by the Sudanese security forces have confessed.

No single Sudanese on active service has been a party to this criminal act.

As a consequence of this aggression the Sudan has sustained substantial losses of life, including innocent children, women, the old, and medical staff. Losses in property are estimated to be worth at least 300 million dollars. The exact number of victims has yet to be determined.

The wanton and premeditated aggression by the Libyan Arab Republic constitutes a flagrant violation of the territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, thereby flouting the United Nations Charter as well as international law and morality. As this flagrant aggression by the Libyan Arab Republic poses a potential threat to international peace and security, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan has requested the President of the Security Council to convene an urgent meeting of the Council in order to take the necessary steps to safeguard peace and security in the area.
