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LETTER DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter dated 16 September 1981 (S/14693) addressed to you by the representative of the Sudan, which made statements specifically concerning my country, I have the honour to inform you that the allegations contained in that letter are baseless and are aimed primarily at covering up the repeated destabilization operations launched against Chad by the Sudanese Government.

For the past few months, military incursions have been disturbing the peace in eastern Chad. These military incursions come from the Sudan, where the perpetrators receive formal assistance and protection from the Sudanese Government, in flagrant violation of the Charters of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and, in particular, of the most recent OAU resolution on Chad, which called upon neighbouring countries not to accommodate movements opposing the Transitional Government of National Unity of Chad (GUNT). Since 5 September 1981, the above-mentioned incursions have been transformed into open aggression against the Chad security forces.

Accordingly, in a recent letter, His Excellency Mr. Goukouni Weddeye, President of the Transitional Government of National Unity of Chad, requested His Excellency Mr. Daniel Arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya, the current Chairman of OAU, to use his influence with the Sudanese Government with a view to its ending this armed aggression, failing which GUNT will be compelled to take all necessary steps to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Chad.

Chad refuses, as always in the past, to serve as a base for attacks on other countries. Moreover, the main concern of GUNT is to consolidate the peace and stability which has been gained at such great cost. This inevitably requires peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries. The bellicose behaviour of the Sudanese Government, already brought to your attention in my letter of 22 April 1981 (S/14455), frustrates the realization of any such hope. The Government of Chad therefore asks you to keep the situation under review and reserves the right to bring the matter before the Security Council. It requests you to issue this letter as a Council document.

(Signed) Ngape KESSELY
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.