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LETTER DATED 17 MARCH 1983 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 the text of message  
No. 59/PR.CAB.P.STCH which the President of the Republic, Head of State, and  
President of the Council of Ministers of Chad addresses to you.

"President of the United Nations Security Council.

"Sir,

"I have the honour to call your attention to the fact that my country,  
Chad, is the subject of an unmistakable act of aggression on the part of the  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. Defying the principles of international law and  
morality, which constitute the foundations of the United Nations Charter, the  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is perpetuating its occupation of the north of Chad and  
is stepping up its premeditated military attacks with the sole aim of  
expanding the occupied zone and exploiting it on a large scale; it is  
intensifying its actions with the aim of imposing on Chad a new government  
beholden to it. The political and military tension maintained by the Libyan  
Arab Jamahiriya poses a constant threat to the peace which had returned to  
Chad. The acts of aggression of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which are growing  
in number each day, are of serious concern to the Government and people of  
Chad because of their serious repercussions on peace and security not only in  
Chad but throughout the region.

"In addition to the territories that have already been occupied for  
several years, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is stepping up its military presence  
in order to occupy new territories, and every day the air space of Chad is  
being violated by its fighter and reconnaissance aircraft. There is no  
question that the Tripoli régime is violating all the principles of the United  
Nations Charter, especially those contained in Article 1 and in Article 2,  
paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

"Chad must exist as any other sovereign State, and the territorial integrity which it acquired at the time of its independence on 11 August 1960 must be preserved in accordance with the principle of inviolability of frontiers inherited from the colonial era to which the African countries, including the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, solemnly subscribed in 1964 in Cairo. The people of Chad claim the right to live in peace within the frontiers which were inherited from the colonial era and which enjoy international recognition.

"The international community in general and the Security Council in particular, which bears heavy responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security, must call upon the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to put an end to its illegal occupation of the northern part of Chad.

HISSEIN HABRE"

I should be grateful if you would have this message distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ramadane BARMA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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