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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following consultations with the members of the Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on their behalf:

The Security Council has heard and taken note of the statements made by the Chadian Foreign Minister, and by the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in the debate on the letter dated 16 March 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Chad.

The members of the Security Council express their concern that the differences between Chad and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya should not deteriorate and therefore call on the parties to settle these differences without undue delay and by peaceful means, on the basis of the relevant principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, which demand respect for political independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In this connection the members of the Council have taken note with appreciation of the willingness expressed by both parties to discuss their differences and to resolve them peacefully and urge both sides to refrain from any actions which could aggravate the current situation.

The members of the Council also note that the Organization of African Unity, the regional organization, is already seized of this matter. They appeal to both parties to make fullest use of the mechanism available within the regional organization for the peaceful settlement of disputes, including the Good Offices Committee established by the Organization of African Unity and of those provided in article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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