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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, I am sending you the text of the statement made by a spokesman for the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison on 20 July 1983.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the statement to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Awad Salih BURWIN
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Annex

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PEOPLE'S BUREAU FOR FOREIGN LIAISON
OF THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

The statement made recently by the Minister of Information of the rebel Hissein Habré to Radio France Inter that, given the chance, they would go to Aouzou reveals clearly the plan of aggression being implemented by the rebel Hissein Habré and his clique at the behest of his imperialist, reactionary and Zionist masters. This is a new link in the series of reactionary imperialist threats and provocations to which the Libyan people have been exposed for some time and of which we have given details in previous statements.

The Minister's statement was but a repetition of spurious and baseless allegations which the rebel Hissein Habré and his myrmidons reiterate whenever there is an intensification of national resistance to his illegitimate régime which is rejected by the Chad people. The purpose of such allegations is to threaten the security of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and its national territorial integrity. We reject them categorically, because the Aouzou region is an inseparable part of Libyan territory and not subject to bargaining.

The rebel Habré began to implement the plan by introducing foreign forces into Chad from various countries, such as the imperialist United States, France and Zaire, where he was provided with various kinds of arms, war matériel and supplies. Moreover, foreign troops from outside, military advisers and experts actually entered Chad and actually participated in shedding the blood of the Chad people, in an attempt to maintain the régime of the client Habré and ensure its continued oppression of the will of the Chad people. This intensive foreign participation in the Chad conflict also constitutes a threat to the peace, security and territorial integrity of the Jamahiriya.

In placing these facts before world and African opinion and making clear the extent of the gravity of the deliberate escalation on its southern frontiers resulting from the groundless territorial claims made by the rebel Habré on the instructions of his masters and from the intensive foreign intervention in Chad, the Jamahiriya warns of the consequences deriving from this imperialist reactionary plan of aggression, which is directed, simultaneously, against the Libyan and the Chad peoples and constitutes a major threat to their security and stability; stresses that it will not stand by with hands tied in the face of what is being enacted; and reserves its right to take any measure that will enable it to thwart this plan, in order to preserve its peace, security and national territorial integrity.

The People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison
