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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message from His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Mirghani Mubarak, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, addressed to you:

"In a letter dated 5 August 1983 (document S/15912) Col. Muammar Qaddafi of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya mentioned my country in connection with alleged threats to the peace and security of his country. The letter seems to refer to the joint training exercises involving Sudanese and American armed forces.

"I would like to inform you and the other members of the Security Council that the conduct of these joint exercises is a sovereign right consistent with international law, the United Nations Charter and other international and regional instruments. These training activities pose no threat whatsoever to any country and they are not meant to do so. These joint exercises are of a routine fashion and are planned and announced well in advance. The sole purpose of these exercises is to enhance the defensive capabilities of the Sudan peoples armed forces.

"Col. Qaddafi states in his letter that he has no right to speak on behalf of the four countries mentioned in his letter. I regret to note that he has not only assumed the right to speak on behalf of these countries but has evidently interfered in the internal affairs of these countries, including my own, by violating their sovereign right to conduct their affairs as they deem fit.

"The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan considers the content of Col. Qaddafi's letter a malicious misinterpretation of the nature and purpose of the joint Sudanese-American training exercises. We have no

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doubt that this is futile attempt to divert the Council's attention from its current consideration of the Chad complaint concerning the latest Libyan aggression against Chad."

I would be most grateful if it is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Elfaki Abdalla ELFAKI
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Deputy Permanent Representative,
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.
