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LETTER DATED 19 MAY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHAD TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to my letters S/15693 and S/15709 of 8 and 19 April 1983 respectively, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 12 May 1983 the Libyan army attacked units of the Chad National Armed Forces in the Ounianga-Kebir region. Very fierce fighting caused an enormous loss of human life.

The Libyan Government is now extending its attacks throughout the northern region of the country.

The repeated acts of aggression by Libya, which are carried out with the participation of large military units, are plunging Chad into a state of war.

This bellicose behaviour by Libya obviously violates the Charter of the United Nations. It is incompatible with the statement contained in document S/15688 of 6 April 1983 adopted by the Security Council after considering the complaint of Chad against Libya.

The Government of Chad protests strongly against these unmistakable acts of aggression by Libya against a State Member of the United Nations which seeks only to live in peace, and requests the Security Council to make Libya see reason, so that it may cease violating with impunity the basic principles of the Charter and of the statement referred to above. There is no doubt that Libya's aim is to invade Chad and install there a régime beholden to it.

In view of the foregoing, the Government of Chad reserves the right to seize the Security Council if Libya persists in its acts of aggression against Chad, maintaining tension in the subregion.

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

(Signed) Ramadane BARMA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative