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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter dated 31 January 1984 (S/16303), in which the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations transmitted to you the text of a certain statement made public in Paris, I have the honour to submit the following clarification:

1. The legitimate Government of Chad, recognized as such by the Organization of African Unity, by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and by the United Nations, is the Government headed by H.E. Mr. Hisseine Habré. Only that Government and its duly accredited representatives are empowered to act on behalf of the Republic of Chad.

Contrary to the assertion made by the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the statement contained in his letter in no way emanates from a representative of the Chad Government. It is therefore binding only on its author.

2. The Republic of Chad is officially represented at the United Nations by a Mission which I have the honour to head. It is strange, to say the least, that the Permanent Representative of a third country should assume the right to transmit to the President of the Security Council a statement purporting to express the views of Chad. This procedure is a typical example of the Libyan policy of undermining the sovereignty and integrity of Chad. It is a matter of common knowledge that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is continuing its aggression against my country and is occupying part of its territory.

3. It is in order to help Chad to defend itself against this aggression, and at the express request of the Chad Government, that French forces are in Chad, in accordance with the co-operation agreements concluded between the Republic of Chad and the French Republic and with the provisions of Article 51 of the United Nations Charter concerning the right of self-defence. Their role cannot therefore be compared to that of the Libyan forces of aggression.

4. Lastly, it should be emphasized that the "intensified ... military operations" mentioned in the letter from the Libyan Permanent Representative are the

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result solely of the activities undertaken at the initiative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The Libyan forces of aggression should therefore withdraw immediately and leave the people of Chad to solve their problems on their own in complete fraternity.

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

(Signed) Ramadane BARMA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
