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LETTER DATED 17 MARCH 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter addressed to you by Mr. Mohamed Mirghani Mubarak, Minister for Foreign Affairs, concerning the aggression which was committed by Libya against the Sudan and which is regarded as a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of the Sudan, a threat to its peace and security and a clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law. This calls for the adoption of the necessary immediate measures in face of this grave course of action.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Omer Y. BIRIDO
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 17 March 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General

We have drawn attention to the fact that it is no secret that the Libyan régime has long been conspiring and plotting and financing all kinds of sabotage against the security and independence of the Sudan. The Sudan has been the scene, on more than one occasion, of Libyan armed aggression launched from Libyan territory and bases. There was the Libyan armed aggression against the Sudan in 1976, planned and financed by Colonel Qaddafi and carried out by bands of mercenaries. There was the training and arming of the terrorists who launched the attack on the Chad Embassy in Khartoum. Then there was Colonel Qaddafi's embracing of the dissident elements and his arming of them for the attack on the development projects in the southern Sudan and the oil-exploration regions.

The Sudan has stressed that the presence of training camps for dissidents in Libya is the greatest proof of the Libyan régime's aggressive intentions against the Sudan. Likewise, the Libyan accusations and lies against the Sudan were an indicator of an evil plot which Libya intends to implement across the eastern and western frontiers of the Sudan.

The truth of our position is borne out by the Colonel's resolve to escalate his aggressive actions against the Sudan, as announced in his statement on the anniversary of the establishment of the Libyan Republic, when he declared that he would work to liberate the Sudan, inch by inch, and after it Egypt by means of what he calls popular revolution. It is borne out also by his support and backing for turncoats and conspirators against the unity of the Sudan. This constitutes the clear and cogent proof of Qaddafi's intentions against the Government and people of the Sudan. It is, at the same time, a clear violation of all international and regional charters and customs, foremost among them the Charter of the United Nations and the charters of the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which all prescribe non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States and respect for their sovereignty and independence and enjoin observance of the principle of good-neighbourliness.

Although the Sudan has drawn attention to the course which Libya has been following, the Libyan régime yesterday proved, in a way which left no room for doubt, that conspiracy and sabotage constitute the mainstay of its policy aimed at appeasing the greed of its leaders for expansion for the purpose of satisfying their ambitions and spreading their influence by force and terror. A Libyan military aircraft of the Soviet-built Tupolev TU-22 bomber type carried out an air raid over the city of Omdurman at approximately 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 16 March 1984, in the course of which five bombs were dropped, which destroyed three houses and an administrative building belonging to the broadcasting station and wrecked two vehicles. The raid caused the death of five Sudanese citizens and the wounding of a number of others.

Inasmuch as the matter has reached a point where silence is no longer possible, the Sudan reserves its legitimate right to defend its territory and the safety and security of its citizens. To this end, it will take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of its citizens, its territory and its installations from any Libyan aggression.

(Signed) Mohamed Mirghani MUBARAK
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Democratic Republic of the Sudan
