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OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of an official communiqué issued at N'Djamena on 19 February 1990 in response to statements made by a member of the Sudanese Junta in power in Khartoum.

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

(Signed) Mahamat Ali ADOUM
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Annex

Press communiqué issued by the Ministry of Information
and Civic Policy

Following the deceitful statements made this weekend by a member of the Sudanese Junta in power in the person of General Al-Tidjani Adam Al-Tahir, according to which the Government of Chad and the opposition reached an agreement to open negotiations, the Ministry of Information and Civic Policy wishes to deny absolutely these totally unfounded allegations the obvious purpose of which is to divert international opinion from what is actually going on and from the real issue: the border conflict between Chad and Libya.

At a time when the Organization of African Unity and a number of peace-loving African heads of State are endeavouring to settle the matter peacefully and equitably, the reconstituted Islamic Legion, heavily equipped by Tripoli, is organizing itself at Darfour in the Sudan, under the new name of "Green Force", for a further armed attack on Chad.

These intensive military preparations have been unfolding for several months under the complaisant eye of the Sudanese authorities and with the active co-operation, and no doubt the self-interest, of General Al-Tidjani Adam Al-Tahir, whose visits to Tripoli can no longer be counted.

This attempt at disinformation and brainwashing is aimed at reviving an old grudge much loved by Tripoli, that of the internal Chad conflict which, until recent years, enabled Tripoli to camouflage the genuine deep-rooted cause of the war between Chad and Libya.

In the face of such manoeuvres, and the threats to peace and security which they carry, the Government of Chad once again warns those who, at Khartoum, support the Libyan intrigues against Chad from Darfour.

N'Djamena, 19 February 1990

