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SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan in response to the communiqué issued on 26 March 1990 by the Government of Chad alleging that Chad had been the object of an act of aggression originating from within the neighbouring borders of the Sudan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amin M. ABDOUN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement from the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Government of the Sudan has, since the commencement of the revolution of national salvation on 30 June 1989, viewed with understanding the course of developments in its fraternal neighbour, Chad, and has pursued a policy aimed at promoting co-operation between the two countries, and concerted action to resolve the bilateral problems between them. It has done so in a spirit of African brotherliness and concern for the requirements of good-neighbourliness, which call for a joint effort to strengthen the ties that link the two fraternal peoples, as exemplified by the high-level delegations it has sent to Chad and by the increase in cultural and sporting relations. At a time when the Sudanese Government is making efforts to defuse tension in Chad, to ensure stability there and to improve relations of co-operation for the benefit of the two fraternal peoples, a communiqué is suddenly issued which casts doubt on the position of principle adopted by the Government of the Sudan, namely the policy of good-neighbourliness that it has pursued with respect to its relations with neighbouring countries, particularly Chad. In this connection, the Sudanese Government categorically denies the information contained in the communiqué of the Government of Chad regarding the role of the Sudan in the ongoing fighting in eastern Chad, and reaffirms its unswerving support for the stability and territorial integrity of Chad, as well as its will to work for the strengthening of the traditional relations of brotherliness between the two peoples and to spare no effort to contribute to the search for a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict in Chad.

