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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CHAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of two messages of today's date addressed to you by His Excellency, Mr. Hissein Habré, President of the Republic, Head of State of Chad, in which, on the one hand, he denounces the open Libyan aggression against Chad and, on the other hand, he requests you to convene, as a matter of the utmost urgency, a meeting of the Security Council to consider this grave situation.

First message, No. 0617/MAEC/DG

"The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is defying the world with unequalled arrogance. Continuing its aggression against Chad, it launched a campaign of veritable genocide against the civilian population of Faya-Largeau throughout the night of 1 August by stepping up aerial bombing. The number of civilian victims in the town of Faya-Largeau, which was razed to the ground, has reached very startling and dramatic proportions. This morning again, at 6.15, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya resumed its bombing of the town of Faya-Largeau with even more intensity. This new Libyan escalation shows how determined Qaddafi is to trample under foot the norms of international law in order to satisfy his hungry ambition to exterminate the people of Chad, destroy and occupy the country, and extend his invasion over the rest of Africa. I am sincerely grateful for the efforts you have already made and I urgently appeal to you to redouble your efforts and to bring the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to its senses."

Second message, No. 0618/MAEC/DG

"Further to our two messages, No. 0600/MAEC/DG dated 28 July 1983 and No. 0609/MAEC/DG dated 31 July 1983, I have the honour to confirm that the Libyan Air Force is to this day continuing the unusually violent bombing of the territory of Chad, in particular the town of Faya-Largeau.

"The victims of this continuing aggression can no longer be counted. In the light of the aggravation of the situation, I should be extremely grateful if you would convene the Security Council with the utmost urgency, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter.

Hissein HABRE
President of the Republic
Head of State of Chad
N'Djaména, 2 August 1983"

(Signed) Ramadane BARMA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
