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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request the Security Council to meet in order to consider the aggression committed by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya against the Sudan on Friday, 16 March 1984, which constitutes one link in an uninterrupted series of aggressive acts and threats on the part of Libya against the security and integrity of the Sudan and its territorial unity, which we have repeatedly brought to the attention of the Council in recent years, and as we have done in the letter dated 17 March 1984 from Mr. Mohamed Mirghani Mubarak, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, which we requested to have distributed as a document of the Security Council.

At 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 16 March 1984, a Libyan bomber - a Soviet Tupolev TU-22 - carried out an air raid against the town of Omdurman, situated on the west bank of the Nile. It dropped five bombs, which caused five deaths and many injuries among the population, and destroyed three houses in a residential area and an administrative building belonging to the Omdurman radio station, as well as several vehicles. The bomber attacked Omdurman coming from a south-westerly direction and, after dropping its bombs, flew off towards the north west. My Government wishes to point out that the Libyan bomber had taken off from the military base of Kufra, in southern Libya, to which it returned following the air raid.

This Libyan act of aggression constitutes a blatant attack against the sovereignty, security and integrity of the territory and people of a State Member of the United Nations and a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter, regional charters and the principles of international law, and poses a serious threat to the peace and security of the countries of the region and to international peace and security.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan will protect, by the exercise of its right to self-defence, the sovereignty and security of the Sudan and the integrity of its territory and its people. It requests that the Security Council be convened in order to consider this flagrant aggression and to take all

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measures pursuant to its responsibility for the maintenance of the security of States Members of the United Nations and of the security and peace of the region and of the world as a whole.

I should be obliged if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Omer Y. BIRIDO
Permanent Representative
