

Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan

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Mrs. Maria Luisa CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI Co-President of the ACP/EEC Joint Assembly Rue Belliard, 97

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Dear Madam Co-President,

Reference to your letter n° 02772 of 3/6/1992, and further to my letter of even number dated 4/6/1992 regarding the ICRC airplane incident, the competent authorities in the Sudan conveyed to me the following information:

- 1) The investigation revealed that air traffic control at Waw Airport had notified ICRC and U.N. Office that runway 17 of that Airport had been undergoing maintenance and that their plane should land and take off on runway 35; but the pilot had chosen to use runway 17;
- 2) Investigations also revealed that the maintenance work force has been infiltrated by rebels who were able to lay the explosives and anti-tank mines that the plane hit when taking off from runway 17 and caused the unfortunate incident and death of Mr. Jean-Paul Bescond.

Please accept, Madam Co-President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Saced Saad Ambassador