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LETTER DATED 4 JANUARY 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CHILE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you attached the text of a statement issued by the Government of Chile on 3 January 1980.

I should be grateful if you would distribute that statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alfredo CANALES MARQUEZ
Alternate Permanent Representative
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Annex

Statement issued by the Government of Chile on 3 January 1980

"The Government of Chile today co-sponsored a request by various States Members of the United Nations that the Security Council should meet forthwith to consider the Soviet military aggression against Afghanistan and its consequences for international peace and security.

"The armed attack on this Islamic, non-aligned Asian country shows that the Government of the Soviet Union has embarked on a new aggressive and expansionist policy, disregarding the reactions of an international community which it considers weak and divided. In recent years, the Soviet Union undertook such military intervention on the African continent, using Cuban troops in order to avoid appearing directly implicated. Now, it has mobilized its own military potential in order to replace the Kabul Government by force, impose a pro-Soviet régime and, with the latter's complicity, occupy Afghanistan.

"It is clear that the Soviet aggression took advantage of the chaos prevailing in the region, for which the Soviet Union bears a large measure of responsibility. As part of its political and ideological objectives, the Soviet Union is seeking to extend its influence to the Persian Gulf area and its petroleum deposits.

"The Government of Chile believes that all these events, which threaten international peace and security, should induce the United Nations to adopt a firm, collective response in defence of the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of any State, in support of the sovereignty of the people of Afghanistan and in public condemnation of the Soviet Union."