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Letter dated 10 January 1980 from the Permanent  
Representative of Afghanistan to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, the full text of the policy statement of the new government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan delivered to the Afghan people through Radio Afghanistan on 1 January 1980 by Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, President of the Revolutionary Council and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan (annex I), and also the text of the proclamation of General Amnesty dated 2 January 1980 (annex II), and request that these two texts be circulated as an official document of the sixth emergency special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Bismellah SAHAK  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX I

Babrak Karmal Greetns Afghan Nation

"In the Name of God, the Compassionate and the Merciful.

Greetings my suffering Moslems compatriots of Afghanistan.

The heroic men and women of the country.

Please allow me first of all, before presenting to you the policy statement of the government of DRA by the PDPA CC, the RC of DRA and on behalf of myself, Babrak Karmal,

I present to you my most profound regrets and sympathy my greatest respects and warmest greetings because of your infinite sufferings and blood-stained tears caused by imprisonment, banishment, forced exiles inhumane and even barbaric tortures, martyrdoms and massacre of tens of thousands of our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, daughters, sons and children under the direct orders of Hangman Hafizullah Amin. On the other hand, I declare that Hafizullah Amin, that treacherous foe of God and Honesty, the rogue who savagely fought in the name of God, Islam, humanity and nationality against the khalq and the khalqis, that enemy of the homeland and that anti-national who cut into pieces the national liberation army of Afghanistan in the interest of local and foreign enemies, sending in the most tragic manner to jails and massacred our best soldiers, cadets and heroic officers, our youth, our honourable and hard working compatriots. Hafizullah Amin, the CIA agent and the scheming spy of American imperialism, that traitor to party and government unity, the armed forces and the liberating Saur Revolution, that historic murderer and rogue who even did not have pity on the late Noor Mohammad Taraki, our dear leader and noble founder of our party, the first General Secretary of the PDPA CC and the first President of the Revolutionary Council and Prime Minister of DRA whose great name will last for ever. He even did not have pity on his ailing but noble brave wife and his honourable family. He traded Afghanistan's independence with local reaction and plundered and wasted billions' worth of our national wealth, disdained the prestige, dignity and honour of our brave and dignified people has been wiped out for ever from the face of our country. And due to the rising waves of people's wrath and national fury together with a few of his lackeys for their heinous and satanic crimes were punished through the revolutionary court of justice of the people and a few of them who have not been sentenced yet will be penalized soon.

My oppressed compatriots,

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Now in these moments when on the basis of the will of the majority of the people of Afghanistan the great national democratic Saur Revolution has entered a new stage, the era of the unbridled rule of Aminis, those arrogant traitors to the people and the homeland has come to an end and a national front under the leadership of the PDPA based on the will of the great majority of the masses and with the help of the national liberation army of Afghanistan has taken the political power in order to safeguard the gains of the great and glorious Saur Revolution. Now we firmly believe that our revolution will be able to tackle the present formidable difficulties. The history of our people in these moments witness one of the greatest and amazing turning points which will be of infinite significance to the regaining of freedom and independent living of our people. This is to turn from oppression and barbarity toward happiness, work and peaceful life. Free from the unlimited calamities and sufferings, from the oppression of savage despots, from the exploitation of blood-hounds and from a society stricken by the Asiatic despotism toward a bright future of real democracy, freedom and equality and the creation of a really democratic society. It will be a turning point from fighting and internal strife toward peace, toward elevation of national unity and fraternity among our various nationalities, tribes and adherents of various sects and among our peoples such as the Pashtuns, Tajiks, Hazaras, Uzbeks, Turkomens, Baluchis, Nuristanis, etc. And a turning point toward freedom of religious practice such as Suniism Shiitism and of other sects of our brave tribes.

That is why I declare on the basis of the iron will of the people of Afghanistan that all my compatriots who have as a result of tyranny and depotism under the blood-thirsty Hafizullah Amin have taken refuge abroad or are engaged inside the country in fratricide unconsciously or vindictively at the instigation of the oppressors and local or foreign enemies are honestly and sincerely invited to return to the independent and peaceful land of their mothers and fathers, the beloved Afghanistan, with full freedom and confidence. They should deliver to their national revolutionary government the arms they have received from the enemy, end fratricide and voluntarily return to the country its tranquility and security. The new revolutionary national government of Afghanistan will make as much efforts as humanly possible to ensure conditions conducive to making up for the moral and material losses suffered by all compatriots at the hands of Amin and his rabid dogs like Assadullah Amin and Abdullah Amin. Likewise, party leaders, all cadets, military and civil officers, from top to bottom, the patriotic khalqi youth who are holding party and government posts are assured that in case they are loyal to and cooperative with the new stage of the glorious Saur Revolution will have all their party, government, military and moral rights seriously observed, Of course a few Amini criminals will make an exception to this rule.

The heroic liberation army of Afghanistan,

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Don't believe in enemy false propaganda. Defend the honour and dignity of your people and homeland with gallantry and discipline, consciousness and sacrifice.

My oppressed and tormented compatriots,

It is evident that the national democratic revolution of Afghanistan was launched on April 17, 1978. The victory of the glorious Saur Revolution dealt the feudal reaction, regional reaction and world imperialism a great blow, opening for the working people of our homeland a vast horizon as a result of which a series of democratic changes and revolutionary upheavals took place in political, economic, social and cultural spheres in the interest of the people of Afghanistan. However, unfortunately, enough due to certain mistakes, especially owing to the conspiratorial and criminal leadership and anti-party, anti-government, anti-revolutionary and anti-human acts of Hafizullah Amin, both the party and the government were driven, in many respects, toward deviations and perilous paths as desired by reaction and imperialism. Had the genuine revolutionary and patriotic forces not taken the creative revolutionary initiative in pursuance of the progressive ideas of the glorious Saur Revolution, the national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of our glorious homeland. Afghanistan, and peace in the region would have been seriously endangered and our beloved Afghanistan would have been converted into a slaughter-house of millions of its sons. That was why the new Revolutionary Council of DRA proclaims itself a perpetrator and supplementary of the lofty aspirations of the great Saur Revolution. And it deems it its prime duty to direct the liberating Saur Revolution on a straight path, rectify the past perilous and tragic mistakes, compensate the tragedies and settle the crisis.

The basic principles on which the political system in Afghanistan will be based and the government of DRA is established on a national united front under the leadership of the working class and all toilers of Afghanistan, that is the PDPA, will ensure and defend the following:

National sovereignty, national independence, territorial integrity, real democracy, creation of a democratic government and administrative system, strengthening the foundation of revolutionary democratic legality in the life of society and the state and the expansion of mass organizations.

While under the circumstances it is not our direct duty to practice socialism, the new government of the DRA deems it its historic national duty to expand and consolidate the progressive social and political pillars of DRA, this gain of the great Saur Revolution, bring to final victory the national, democratic, anti-feudal, anti-imperialist and anti-compradorial revolution and perform the following urgent duties in the first opportunity:

1. Proclaim the release of all political prisoners who have survived the hatchet of Hangman Hafizullah Amin and abolish execution under favourable conditions.

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2. Abolish all anti-democratic and anti-human regulations and ban all arrests, incarcerations, arbitrary persecutions, house searches and inquisitions.

3. Respect the sacred principles of Islam, freedom of conscience, belief and religious practice, protect family unity, observe the principle of legal lawful, just and private ownership of oppressive exploitation, embezzlement, bribery, usury, hoarding and smuggling.

4. Revive individual and collective security and immunity, revolutionary tranquility, peace and order in the country.

5. Ensure healthy conditions conducive to democratic freedoms such as the freedom to form progressive and patriotic parties and mass or social organizations, freedom of the press, of demonstrations and street manifestations, ensure the right to work and get education and ensure the freedom and immunity of correspondence and communications, travel and immunity of domicile.

6. Pay serious attention to and help the younger generations, school pupils, university students and the intelligentsia without discrimination.

Dear compatriots,

While overcoming poverty, disease and economic underdevelopment, ignorance and illiteracy, unemployment and inequality, national and social oppression in Afghanistan and the creation of an independent national economy and acceleration of economic growth rate in accord with scientific plans for socio-economic development including the establishment of independent national industries, industrialization and raising the standards of living of the masses comprise the general objectives of the Great Saur Revolution, the government of DRA will perform the following basic duties in the shortest possible time:

In the field of Domestic Policy:

Execute the later stages of democratic land reforms, abolish the remnants of the obsolete feudal relationships, end the domination of foreign traders and imperialistic monopoly agencies, expand the public sector in various economic spheres, guide, encourage and protect the artisans, landowners, small and medium traders and national men of capital, democratize the foundation of political and social life and the government apparatus, cultivate and develop various dialects and cultures of all fraternal nationalities and tribes in Afghanistan, carry out the cultural revolution, banish the influence of the remnants of old and neo-colonialism and of the imperialism in all spheres.

In the Field of Foreign Policy:

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The government of DRA will pursue a consistent peaceful policy based on principles of positive and active non-alignment and peaceful co-existence, support the policy to defend peace and détente (relaxation of tension) limitation of strategic nuclear arms, general and complete disarmament, human rights, and national liberation movements of the oppressed peoples as a loyal member of the United Nations and of the non-aligned countries and respects all the agreements signed between Afghanistan and other countries of the world and will fight along with peace-loving forces in a vast global front against war and war-mongers, old and neo-colonialism, imperialism, zionism, fascism and racism, apartheid and racial discrimination and expand its international solidarity with the world system of socialism, global proletarian movements and the national liberation and social movements of countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The people and the government of DRA with full observation of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation of December 5, 1978 with the Soviet Union, the great country of peace, which by nature guarantees permanent peace and security in the region will expand on a higher plane, in a new manner and in all dimensions, their unbeatable fraternal friendship which is a manifestation of the independent will and patriotism of the people of Afghanistan during the past 60 years after the nation's independence and has now been changed into a basic principle of an appropriate national tradition with complete honesty, emanating from our national progressive Afghan character.

The government of DRA while welcoming the national, Islamic, anti-imperialistic and anti-monarchical revolution of the great masses of the fraternal peoples of Iran will take the initiative to bring closer and strengthen the friendship between the two friendly countries bound by closer historical ties and in fact do not have the least difference.

The peoples of Afghanistan and Pakistan also share strong fraternal relations. The government of Afghanistan will make efforts, honestly and fraternally, to remove any kind of difference or misunderstanding through peaceful negotiations with Pakistani authorities.

Since the peace-loving people of Afghanistan denounce the jingoist, expansionist, interventionist and instigatory policies, therefore it deems it from the viewpoint of principle the right and will of the Pashtun and Baluchi brethren to determine their own destiny and happiness.

The strong roots, common fate, friendly and fraternal relations between the people of Afghanistan and the peace-loving people of India date back to the depth of history in our region. Therefore, it is stressed that further expansion of Indo-Afghan ties is considered one of the serious factors of stability, peace and security in the region.

The people of Afghanistan are desirous of disinterested friendship with the People's Republic of China which is another neighbouring country.

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While DRA extends its hand of friendship in a noble and sincere manner to all countries of the world with a view to establishing peace and friendly relations with them, it expands its fraternal and Islamic ties with non-aligned, Islamic and Arab nations and their working peoples and decisively supports the liberation movements of the heroic peoples of Palestine.

Dear compatriots,

The foundation of the basic power of DRA is constituted by the people and it belongs to the people and its political power will consist of people's delegates, that is local and national assemblies, on the basis of an applicable and humane, democratic and progressive constitution which will be framed as soon as possible. The people's delegates will be elected on the basis of a general franchise through equal, direct and secret ballots. The DRA will be established as a United Republic of Afghanistan from the organisational viewpoint on the basis of equality of rights and free and voluntary unity of all fraternal nationalities and tribes living in their single and common motherland, Afghanistan.

It is announced clearly and with firm determination on that our final goal is elimination of every kind of exploitation of man by man, a ruthless crushing of the resistance of the reactionaries, oppressors and exploiters and establishment of a new and progressive society in Afghanistan.

Dear compatriots,

It is clear that you have heard during the past decades from oppressive and inefficient governments of Afghanistan, from the liars of the Nader Family to those of Aminis, many demagogic words and hollow promises. But let us declare with modesty that 'practice is the criterion of reality'. So what we say you can experience through life. We firmly believe in this honourable and humane statement that 'In fact that statesman or government ruler is happy who can always say what he really thinks. He achieves something which he deems expedient. He works and struggles toward an end in which he really believes.'

Soldiers, the exploited working people of Afghanistan, workers, peasants, students, the youth, the intelligentsia and the government officials.

Wherever you may be, in military barracks or in the fortifications of the national war, in towns or villages, in work places or schools, in offices or independent vocations, in mountains or valleys, in plains or under tents, on streets or in bazaars, you must be aware that your national and class enemies wish to murder you, to strangle you, to spurn your rights and freedoms and suppress your revolution. Hence it is your sacred duty that you may arm in arm defend your democratic republic, your liberating revolution, your

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villages and towns, your country's dignity and honour against the reactionary and subversive enemies, against the remnants of monarchical reaction and a few lackeys of Hafizullah Amin, that blood-thirsty and beast-like fascist with sacrifice and unity under the mottos of 'freedom for the people', 'Employment for the Unemployed' and 'Land for the Peasants.'

Patriotic clergy, nationalists, democrats, freedom-fighters, those who are after change, the progressives, the patriots, the youth, the intelligentsia, the real and genuine khalqis, the working class vanguards and the working class of Afghanistan. You should all unite under the banner of peace and freedom, independence and non-alignment, democracy and progress, equality and fraternity, economic and social justice in a vast front of our single fatherland, the glorious Afghanistan. And do not allow one moment the rogues, the Aminis, the bands of dark reaction and of CIA, local and foreign enemies to lead you astray. Our struggle is lawful, just and a really revolutionary one. Our unity and oneness guarantee our victory. The DRA is the friend and loyal supporter of the tormented people of Afghanistan..

Sacrificing friends and colleagues.

Forward like steel with closer ranks and more solidarity! Forward!

Friends and colleagues,

With revolutionary modesty and humility, all on the path of our heroic martyrs, on the path of revolution, on the road to service to people and homeland, on the road to lofty aspirations of Afghanistan's working people! Forward!

Aloft be the glorious banner of united, progressive, free and independent Afghanistan.

Long live the hard-working and heroic people of Afghanistan! Victory to the new stage of the great Saur Revolution.

The final victory belongs to the working people of Afghanistan."

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1 Januray 1980

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ANNEX II

Proclamation of General Amnesty

"Hafizullah Amin, this conspirator and professional criminal and recognized spy of U.S. imperialism whom Carter proudly defends as legitimate president, along with his hundreds of other crimes and destructive acts killed and burned thousands of our party's members, anti-tyranny clergy, toiling workers, peasants, intelligentsia, progressive educated people, and national elements after accusing them of different and foundless charges and savage tortures, and placed them alive under the soil and threw them into open and underground bastiles, and made thousands of women widows and thousands of children fatherless, converting the atmosphere of the country narrower and enhancing terror and suppression all over the country, thus increasing his savagery more and more.

In spite of all his claims the demagogic Amin not only did not decrease the number of prisoners but filled the prisons more then before, and by creating an atmosphere of terror and horror, distrust, insecurity and suppression and terror turned our entire country into a great prison and slaughter-house.

The government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan will try to bring to the notice of compatriots and the peoples of the world through process, radio and television the list of tens of thousands of prisoners and explain the tortures, encroachments, murders and destructive acts of sanguinary Amin and Aminis.

On the occasion of the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the founding of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan let me allow to announce on behalf of the Central Committee of the party and Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan the General Amnesty of all those political prisoners who have escaped the bloody cleaver of wrathful Amin irrespective of consideration of class, faith, language, tribe, nationality, ideology and political and organisational differences.

Our afflicted compatriots,

Those limited number of criminal Aminis and famous spies and traitors, and criminal and professional murderers who remain in the prison shall be tried before the people of Afghanistan according to the promise made in the statement of Jari 7, 1358 (Dec. 28, 1979) which reads 'no one will be imprisoned without the verdict of Shairat, legal, authoritative and democratic tribunal'.

The day of general release and welcome of the political prisoners who are included in this general amnesty shall be arranged under a programme in the next three or four days and will be announced on radio and press.

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Now that sanguinary Amin has been annihilated and an end has been put to his savage and fascistic rule we hope that all the national and democratic forces rise up as one in a vast front of fatherland under the leadership of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan for the permanent elimination of despotism and ominous tyranny of Amin and Aminis and work and struggle for the establishment of a free, prosperous, independent and proud Afghanistan."

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2 January 1980

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