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Letter dated 11 January 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic dated 10 January 1980 concerning the situation in and around the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

I should be grateful if you would have the statement 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) B. DASHTSEREN  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian  
People's Republic

1. Recently, imperialistic circles in the United States and certain Western Powers, as well as the leadership of China, have begun a savage and slanderous campaign concerning the events in Afghanistan.
2. They are attempting to blame the Soviet Union for an alleged invasion of Afghanistan and constraining the United Nations to discuss the non-existent "question of Afghanistan". The United States and certain of its allies are taking unilateral steps to reverse co-operation with the USSR in various areas in an attempt to exacerbate relations with it.
3. Such actions, first and foremost, constitute gross interference in the internal affairs of sovereign Afghanistan and direct encroachment upon the inalienable right of the Afghan people to determine their own fate. These ill-intentioned campaigns are also designed to heighten tension and recreate the spirit of the "cold war".
4. Washington and Peking needed such slanderous anti-Soviet fabrications to cover up their own designs against the independent and progressive development of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, People's Kampuchea, Viet Nam, Laos and other States and to distract world attention from their own aggressive activities in creating ever more areas of tension in various areas of the world and spurring on the arms race.
5. It is no secret to anyone that, immediately after the victory of the Afghan People's April Revolution, imperialist and reactionary forces, among them the Chinese leadership, began systematic and barefaced interference in the internal affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The United States and China have formed a common front and are supplying counter-revolutionary forces within Afghanistan and beyond its borders, providing them with weapons and finance and organizing their subversive activities against the new popular order in that country. The President of Egypt, who acts as a direct ally of the Israeli reactionaries, has also joined in this dangerous escapade.
6. Furthermore, the United States and China are trying to create an "international front" the aim of which is to put down the popular revolution and restore the anti-popular régime in Afghanistan, turning the country into a parade ground of imperialism and reaction.
7. Faced with the danger that the achievements of the 1978 Afghan revolution would be undermined and the serious threat to the country's independence and sovereignty from enemies without and within, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan repeatedly requested assistance, including military assistance, from the Soviet Union. As is

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well known, the Soviet Union, true to its international duty, complied with the request of the legitimate Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

8. The Government of Mongolian People's Republic considers that the provision of fraternal assistance to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union represents the fulfilment by the USSR of the obligations it assumed under the Soviet-Afghan Treaty on Friendship, Good-neighbourliness and Co-operation, and is fully in accordance with the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter.

9. The Soviet-Afghan Treaty is thus fulfilling its historic purpose by protecting the sovereignty and revolutionary accomplishments of Afghanistan and the cause of peace and security in the region.

10. The Mongolian people, who in the course of constructing their People's Republic have more than once had to defend their independence and revolutionary accomplishments against encroachment by imperialists and other reactionary forces, well knows how truly disinterested in character is the internationalist assistance afforded by the USSR. Comprehensive assistance from the Soviet Union, including military aid, played an exceptionally important and noble part in the defence of the achievements of the Mongolian popular revolution in 1921 and the repulsion of foreign aggression in the 1930s. Even today, the Soviet Union's comprehensive fraternal assistance is a potent factor in the defence of the Mongolian people's socialist achievements against encroachment by external reactionary forces which do not conceal their desire to do away with Mongolia's freedom and independence.

11. The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Mongolian people decisively support the effective steps taken by the Afghan Government to defend the revolutionary accomplishments of the Afghan people and warmly welcome and endorse the internationalist assistance provided to the people and Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union on the basis of its obligations under the Soviet-Afghan Treaty.

12. The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic, together with peace-loving forces on all continents, angrily condemns the acts of gross interference by imperialist, expansionist forces in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and demands that they be curtailed forthwith.

13. The Mongolian People's Republic is decisively opposed to the discussion of the so-called "question of Afghanistan" in the United Nations as an activity completely contradictory to the goals and principles of the Charter of the Organization, serving as a direct infringement of the sovereign right of the Afghan people to have a state structure conforming to their wishes.

14. The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic, together with the forces of progress throughout the world, decisively rejects the unbridled slander-mongering by Washington and Peking which are malevolently distorting the essential nature of the Soviet State's peace-loving foreign policy in order to intensify the assault on international détente and against the cause of peace, national independence and the social progress of peoples. The vital interests of the peoples demand a timely repudiation of the ill-considered statements and actions by those who favour the pursuit of policy "from a position of strength".

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