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Letter dated 5 March 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 a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and to request Your Excellency to have the enclosed text and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 11 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Bismillah SAHAK
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 24 February 1980 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Afghanistan to the Secretary-General

The continued interference in the internal affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan by world imperialism headed by the United States in collusion with Chinese chauvinistic and Pakistani reactionary circles in complete violation of the United Nations Charter and other rules of international conduct has seriously endangered peace and stability in the region and in the world.

In fact, following the victory of the April revolution of the Afghan people, imperialism and international reaction with its Chinese hegemonistic allies jointly embarked on hatching conspiracies and plots against Afghanistan and its people aimed at blackmailing Afghanistan and at undermining the high objectives of the April revolution intended to serve the interest of the Afghan people and to eliminate the causes of economic and social backwardness in the feudalistic society of Afghanistan.

A treacherous campaign has been waged by these circles against Afghanistan and the revolution of its people. Their hostile attitude has particularly reached its peak after the victory of the new phase of the Afghan revolution on 27 December 1979, which put an end to the oppressive régime of Amin and his clique which brought untold sufferings to the noble people of Afghanistan.

As the unceasing armed intervention by thousands of bandits, armed and trained abroad, into Afghan territory intensified, causing considerable damage to towns and villages inside the country and the loss of life of thousands of innocent people including women, children and the elderly, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, in view of the above situation and foreign interferences, reiterated an urgent request for assistance, including military, from the Soviet Union by invoking the provisions of the Afghan-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Co-operation dated 5 December 1978, and Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, as an act of self-defence.

As has been officially stated on many occasions by both the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, the sole purpose of the limited contingents of the armed forces of the Soviet Union is to help the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan repel foreign aggressions against Afghanistan. They will be withdrawn from Afghan soil as soon as the causes for the above request cease to exist.

In fact the territory of Pakistan, with which Afghanistan wishes to have good relations, has been used as a base for training numerous armed bands who are sent into the Afghan territory using weapons provided to them by American, Chinese, Pakistani and Egyptian circles. They are being trained by Pakistani, Chinese and American instructors in special training camps organized inside

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Pakistan. Seven main counter-revolutionary groups are being trained in 20 special bases and 50 camps, all inside Pakistan, and are financed by American dollars.

The largest of these bases are located in populated cities and areas near Afghanistan's frontiers such as Peshawar, Quetta, Chitral, Kohat, Miranshah, Cherat, Warsak, Nou-Shahra, etc. American and Chinese weapons are being given in these places to mercenaries. Chinese and Pakistani military instructors and advisers are training them in how to destroy bridges, factories and other installations, or set fire to schools and hospitals.

They are also given training in how to disturb the communication system, attack from ambush and other violent methods of threatening and harassing of patriots and regular people, creating upheaval and chaos among people, spreading false and provocative rumours, and finally, in espionage activities. Only last year 30,000 murderers have been trained in these places in Pakistan being used as supporters of anti-Afghanistan armed organization. This collusion of Pakistan with American and British imperialism and Chinese hegemonists against Afghanistan constitutes a grave threat to the freedom and territorial integrity of our country, to international peace and security and peace in the region.

The partners in this anti-peace and anti-détente plot are attempting to deprive the Afghan people of the democratic rights and freedoms provided for them after the 27 December 1979 national uprising of the Afghan people. They intend to disturb the peaceful life of the Afghan people which returned after the dark and criminal Amin era.

Under the pretext of alleged threats to peace in the region from the presence in Afghanistan of the limited contingents of Soviet armed forces and by exploiting the recent internal developments in Afghanistan, imperialism headed by the United States seeks to strengthen its military bases and presence in various parts of the world, particularly in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf area.

It is not coincidence to note that immediately following the internal events of 27 December 1979 in Afghanistan, Pakistan has become host to high-ranking officials from the United States, China and the United Kingdom one after another, all voicing their concern for the security of Pakistan and other countries of the region in order to pave the way for the militarization of Pakistan making it an arsenal of aggressive weapons. The Government of Pakistan has converted the so-called Afghan refugee camps in that country into a tourist attraction and an integral part of the sightseeing programme for foreign dignitaries.

After the address to the nation 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, in which he invited all those Afghans who have fled the country as a result of the atrocities of the criminal Amin, to return to their motherland with full freedom and confidence with a sincere commitment by the revolutionary Afghan Government to make up for their moral and material losses, those Afghans deliberately held by the Pakistani Government as refugees for its very dangerous political anti-peace games can no longer be called refugees in the legal and political sense.

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The provocative and almost identical comments made by Dr. Z. Brzezinski, adviser to the President of the United States on national security affairs, the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Huang Hua, and Lord Carrington, Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, during their visits to Pakistan and to the so-called Afghan refugee camps very well reveal the joint conspiracy of American and British imperialism, Chinese hegemonism and Pakistani reaction against Afghanistan and its people.

The bloody incidents of 22 February 1980 in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, and the considerable damage to individual and public properties is just one of the examples of the training of armed bandits by American, Chinese and Pakistani instructors who are sent to Afghanistan for subversive activities. The capture by the Afghan authorities so far of more than 30 Pakistani saboteurs and one American citizen, Robert Lee, with grenades, explosive materials of American, Chinese and Pakistani origin confirms this fact. This matter is being investigated by the Afghan authorities and the result of the investigation will be brought to Your Excellency's attention in due course.

I reiterate the policy of peace and non-alignment of Afghanistan seeking to maintain friendly relations with all peace-loving countries, particularly its neighbours.

I would like to request Your Excellency to have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

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Democratic Republic of Afghanistan