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THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO PEOPLES  
UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

Letter dated 11 February 1980 addressed to the Chairman of the  
Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session by the  
Acting Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of  
Pakistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that the enclosed resolution on "the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and on its ensuing effects" adopted by the first Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad from 27-29 January 1980, may kindly be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights.

(signed) Munir Akram

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RESOLUTION NO.1/EGS ON THE SOVIET MILITARY INTER-  
VENTION IN AFGHANISTAN AND ON ITS ENSUING EFFECTS

The First Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers' meeting in Islamabad, from 8 to 10 Rabi al Awwal, corresponding to 27-29 January, 1980.

In pursuance of the principles and objectives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the provisions of the Resolutions adopted by Islamic Conference emphasizing the common objectives and destiny of the peoples of the Islamic nation.

Recalling in particular the basic principles of the non-aligned movement of which Afghanistan is a founding member.

Expressing its deep concern at the dangerous escalation of tension, intensification of rivalry and increased recourse to military intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States, which are detrimental to the interests of all nations particularly the Islamic States.

Affirming that the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan constitutes a violation of its independence, and aggression against the liberty of its people and a flagrant violation of all international covenants and norms, as well as a serious threat to peace and security in the region and throughout the world.

Expressing the determination of the Governments and peoples of member States to reject all forms and types of foreign occupation and expansion and the race for spheres of influence thereby strengthening the sovereignty of peoples and the independence of States.

Seriously concerned over the Soviet armed intervention in Afghanistan and the effect of this interference on the will of the Muslim people of Afghanistan to exercise their right to determine their political future.

Considering that the continuing presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan, its attempt at imposing the fait accompli and the military operations of these troops against the Afghan people flout international covenants and norms and blatantly violate human rights.

Reaffirming the determination of Islamic States to pursue a non-aligned policy in respect of super power conflict and to protect Muslim people from the adverse effects of the cold war between these States.

Fully aware of the immense financial burden borne by neighbouring countries of Afghanistan, in particular the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as a result of the asylum it provided to hundreds of thousands of Afghan people, old men, women and children, driven away by the Soviet military occupation.

1. CONDEMNES the Soviet military aggression against the Afghan people, denounce and deplores it as a flagrant violation of international laws, covenants, and norms, primarily the Charter of the United Nations, which

condemned this aggression in its resolutions Nos. ES-6/2 of 4 January 1980 and the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and calls upon all peoples and governments throughout the world to persist in condemning this aggression and denouncing it as an aggression against human rights and a violation of the freedoms of peoples, which cannot be ignored.

2. DEMANDS the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Soviet troops stationed on Afghan territories, and reiterates that Soviet troops should refrain from acts of oppression and tyranny against the Afghan people and their struggling sons, until the departure of the last Soviet soldier from Afghan territory, and urges all countries and peoples to secure the Soviet withdrawal through all possible means.

3. SUSPENDS the membership of Afghanistan in the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

4. INVITES the member States to withhold recognition to the illegal regime in Afghanistan and sever diplomatic relations with that country until the complete withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

5. CALLS UPON all member States to stop all aids and all forms of assistance given to the present regime of Afghanistan by member States.

6. URGES all States and people throughout the world to support the Afghan people and provide assistance and succour to the refugees whom aggression has driven away from their homes.

7. RECOMMENDS to all member states to affirm their solidarity with the Afghan people in their just struggle to safeguard their faith, national independence and territorial integrity and to recover their right to determine their destiny.

8. SOLEMNLY DECLARES its complete solidarity with the Islamic countries neighbouring Afghanistan against any threat to their security and well being and calls upon States of the Islamic Conference to resolutely support and extend all possible co-operation to these countries in their efforts to fully safeguard their sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity.

9. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to receive contributions from member states, organizations and individuals and to disburse the amounts to the authorities concerned on the recommendations of a Committee of three member States to be established by him in consultation with the States concerned.

10. CALLS UPON member States to envisage through appropriate bodies not participating in Olympic Games being held in Moscow in July 1980 unless the Soviet Union in compliance with the call of the United Nations General Assembly and the Islamic Conference withdraws all its troops forthwith from Afghanistan.

11. MANDATES the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of these resolutions and report thereon to the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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