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Note verbale dated 11 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Chargé d'affaires of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the text of the message of the Association of Lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

He has further the honour to request the circulation of this message as a document of the General Assembly under items 63, 70, 71, 90, 127, 132 and 136 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Message dated 19 January 1986 from the Association of Lawyers of
the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the Secretary-General

We, the elected representatives of the lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, who took part in the founding conference of the Association of Lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan held on 19 January 1986 in Kabul City, convey the warm regards of the lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to you.

The Association of Lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, being a social organization, unites the lawyers of the country in a collective and individual manner. The Association has the following aims:

Increasing the legal awareness of our people, making them aware of provisions of laws, their rights and tasks, acquainting the Afghan legal sources with the development of world laws and laws of foreign countries, joint efforts in acquainting the foreign legal sources with the legal system of our country, establishment of bilateral and multilateral contacts with the circles of lawyers in the international arena in order to develop and consolidate friendship, mutual understanding, trust and co-operation between Afghan lawyers and the lawyers of foreign countries and international organizations.

In the international arena, the Association of Lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan supports the establishment of a new legal system on the basis of which the system of international relations will be formulated based on mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other. It is necessary that the contemporary inter-State laws be founded on such a new system so that all countries of the world, regardless of their socio-economic and political systems, can live together in an atmosphere of assistance and co-operation. The United Nations Organization can play a very effective role in this sphere.

Above all, we believe that the lawyers of the world should prevent a new catastrophic world war. Therefore, we are against the arms race, back the reduction of existing stockpiles of nuclear arms and their final complete elimination. In this connection, we declare our support to the decisions of the Geneva talks held on 19 November 1985 between the leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States.

We also support the establishment of a new international economic and information order and hope that new international legal norms will be created in these spheres.

As you are aware, unfortunately, an undeclared war has been imposed on our country by imperialist circles. You know better that contrary to article 3 (b) of the annex to resolution 3314 (XXIX) of the session of the United Nations General Assembly held on 14 December 1974, the Government of Pakistan has subjected our country to aggression with the participation of the United States and hegemonism.

These countries dispatch regular groups and armed bands to our country for subversion and committing terroristic deeds. Right now, over 120 training camps of the counter-revolutionary bands exist in the territory of Pakistan and other neighbouring countries. American, Chinese, Pakistani and other instructors teach methods of torture, murder, plunder, subversion, destruction and terroristic deeds to the counter-revolutionary bands in these camps.

The lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan request the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations to condemn in an impartial manner these deeds which are contrary to human rights.

Being the Secretary-General of the United Nations, you play a significant role in preserving and strengthening peace and international security. You approach the issues around our country with serious and deep attention, and you are fully aware of them. Therefore, the lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan attach great value to your efforts in attaining the political solution of the issues around Afghanistan.

The lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan also support the realistic and constructive proposals of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan presented on 14 May 1980 and 24 August 1981 regarding the solution of the issues around Afghanistan, and reiterate our support to the Geneva talks carried out under the auspices of your representative. We hope that the Geneva talks would lay the ground for the direct talks between the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and its neighbours, namely Pakistan and Iran.

We are in favour of establishing peaceful relations with our neighbours and all countries of the world. Unfortunately, Pakistan and Iran, apart from their intervention and aggression on the territory of our country, prevent the return to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan of a number of our deceived compatriots who wish to return to their homeland.

The lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan are convinced that, in accordance with the General Amnesty Decree of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan dated 18 June 1981, those who left their beloved homeland and are living vagrant lives abroad can return to their ancestral homeland without any anxiety and distress.

The State of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan guarantees their lives, properties, families, freedom and honourable work. Specific legal documents on the guarantees and protection of their rights exist in our country.

Furthermore, the Revolutionary Council endorsed a historic declaration in its extraordinary session dated 14 November 1985. According to this declaration, the homeland welcomes with open arms and full security, without any discrimination and distinction, all those Afghan compatriots who are abroad, for the sake of the development of an independent, democratic and new Afghanistan, and of preserving their human dignity.

According to the text of the declaration, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is ready to accept a possible and principled forgiveness for the sake of national agreement and compromise in a flexible manner in conformity with the national interests of the country, peace and country-wide security of the homeland.

Likewise, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is ready for talks with all elements who are unwittingly in the position hostile to us or who are remorseful for their anti-national and counter-revolutionary deeds. The Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has declared that, henceforth, the leading authority of the State will not be only the monopoly of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan. The implementation of these decisions has began in practice. A large number of trustworthy representatives of the people, who are not members of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, joined in the composition of the Council of Ministers on 25 December 1985 and in the composition of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan just three days ago. This new approach is in the interest of the expansion of the social pillars of State power to the benefit of achieving complete peace and security in our country. The lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan reiterate and warmly welcome this new policy.

In the course of 1985, the Loya Jirgah, composed of elected representatives of the Afghan people, was convened in our country from 23 to 25 April 1985 and the elections to Local Organs of State Power and Administration began. Regretfully, the mass media of the western countries have kept silent towards all these changes. Therefore, we request you to convey the voice of the lawyers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the representatives of member countries of the United Nations and we wish this message to be circulated as an official document of the United Nations Organization.

Founding Conference of the
Association of Lawyers of the
Democratic Republic of Afghanistan
