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Note verbale dated 24 April 1980 from the Permanent Mission
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to forward herewith the statement of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan on the so-called "Afghanistan issue".

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations has further the honour to request that the enclosed text and this note be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 11 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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The DRA Government will send a high power delegation to this conference led by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shah Mohammad Dost.

This delegation will be instructed to actively help protect the basic interests of the Moslem World, contribute to the struggle of all Moslem nations against the unbridled imperialist and zionist aggressions, strengthen lasting peace and security in the Middle and Near East and other hotbeds of tension and likewise ensure unity and coordination among Islamic countries.

Meanwhile, the DRA Government believes that including the so-called "Afghanistan issue" in the conference agenda would result in nothing but diverting the attention of the conference participants from problems of vital importance involving real interests of Islamic nations which will only benefit imperialist forces are trying to sow the seeds of division and strife among Islamic countries and thus further aggravate international tension which constitutes the main target of world imperialism.

Should the above issue be included in the conference agenda, the Afghan delegation will be, notwithstanding, prepared to explain the stand of DRA Government and people regarding the real situation in the country, expose the accusations and lies of insidious subversive imperialist circles about our country and revolution. There is no denying the fact that imperialism and zionism are using the events in Afghanistan as a pretext to destabilize the situation, undermine detente, create further tension in the international situation and cover up their aggressive designs in the Middle and Near East.

We have exposed the plots hatched by the arch enemies of the Moslems all over the world and will not spare any effort to strengthen solidarity in the Moslem World and defend the interests of Islamic countries.

ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

(8 April, 1980)

According to information received by the responsible agencies of the DRA Government, some governments of the member states of the Islamic Conference are planning to direct the discussions of the proposed 11th Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Islamic Countries to be opened at Islamabad on April 16 or later to the so-called "Afghanistan issue."

The DRA Government has not to date received any official invitation to participate in this conference. However, as is known, the organizers of this gathering are trying to include the so-called "Afghanistan issue" in the agenda of the above conference.

The DRA Government had made it clear prior to the opening of the extraordinary session of the Foreign Ministers of Islamic countries held last January to discuss the so-called "Afghanistan issue" that any debate in this connection would be considered a flagrant intervention in Afghanistan's internal affairs. It was also explained then that the real object of including this matter in the conference agenda was nothing but to divert the attention of Islamic countries from cases and problems that are causing great concerns in the Moslem world. Yet in the course of the conference, delegates from a number of Islamic countries used this imaginary issue as a smoke screen to cover the anti-Islamic crimes committed and the plots hatched by imperialism and Zionism as they are manifest in betrayals and wheelings and dealings by Sadat and Begin. They tried to treat the just and overall solution of the Middle East problems, the granting of the legitimate rights of the Moslems of Palestine and the continuation of the occupation of Arab territories including Jerusalem, the second holiest shrine of Moslems, by usurping Israel as secondary problems in the Moslem World.

The extraordinary session of the Foreign Ministers of Moslem Countries without taking votes decided to suspend DRA's membership in that conference which the DRA Government considers totally illegal, contrary to democratic procedures and consequently void of any valid sanction because the conference charter contains no provisions concerning suspension of any member.

Therefore while the DRA remains a member of the Islamic Conference with equal rights it is meanwhile prepared to take an active part in the forthcoming 11th meeting of this conference.

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