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Letter dated 22 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative
of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward to you, enclosed herewith, a position paper of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria on the Declaration of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 21 May 1991 regarding the settlement of the situation in Afghanistan (see annex).

I would very much appreciate it if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 29 of the provisional agenda.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Position Paper of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Bulgaria on the Declaration of the
Secretary-General of the United Nations of 21 May 1991
regarding the settlement of the situation in
Afghanistan

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria hereby expresses its full support for the principles enunciated in the Declaration of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, on the finding of a peaceful solution to the problem of Afghanistan which reflect:

The need to preserve the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and non-aligned status of Afghanistan;

The recognition of the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political and social system free from outside intervention and coercion;

The need for a transitional period during which a broad-based government could be established through intra-Afghan dialogue, a cessation of hostilities could be achieved and a mechanism neutral and acceptable for the majority of the Afghan people be established for creating conditions for their participation in free and fair elections;

Recognition of the need to reach an agreement on halting all arms shipments to all sides in the conflict;

Recognition of the need to provide adequate financial and material resources for the purpose of alleviating the situation of the Afghan refugees, for creating conditions for their voluntary return to their country, and for the social and economic restoration of Afghanistan.

2. The Republic of Bulgaria will continue to support the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the fulfilment of his mandate granted by resolution 45/12 of 7 November 1990 to initiate the process of peaceful settlement in Afghanistan on the basis of the principles quoted above and for implementing the Afghan people's right to determine their own future.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria welcomes the constructive position adopted by the Afghan Government in respect to the Declaration of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and its readiness to contribute to its implementation as an important factor for a peaceful settlement of the situation in Afghanistan.