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Letter dated 19 January 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a message addressed to you by
H.E. Mr. Abdul Wakil, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of
Afghanistan (see annex).

I have further the honour to request the circulation of the message as a
document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Review of the
implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",
"Peaceful settlement of disputes between States", "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee
on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use,
Financing and Training of Mercenaries" and "Development and strengthening of
good-neighbourliness between States", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Ebrahim NENGRAHARY
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Message dated 19 January 1987 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Afghanistan to the Secretary-General

According to available information, the national reconciliation programme for ending bloodshed and ensuring peace throughout the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has been warmly and fully supported by the vast majority of the Afghans temporarily residing abroad, particularly in Pakistan and Iran.

During recent days, a great number of Afghans contacting the diplomatic and consular missions of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in Pakistan and Iran have expressed their own readiness and that of their other compatriots to return to the country.

They have also asked the said missions to provide them with necessary assistance and facilities.

In accordance with the instructions of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the Iranian and Pakistani chargés d'affaires at Kabul on 12 and 15 January respectively. They were informed that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan intended to dispatch charter flights to the relevant cities of their respective countries to facilitate the return of Afghans willing to return to their country, and the permission of the Governments of Pakistan and Iran was sought to that end.

However, no reply has been received from the Pakistani and Iranian authorities so far.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is of the conviction that the creation of obstacles by the Pakistani and Iranian authorities in the way of voluntary return of the Afghans is an action that runs counter to the accepted norms of international law and is in violation of the right of voluntary return of the refugees to their country.

Likewise, such attitudes and activities, preventing the refugees' return, are in contradiction of the spirit of national reconciliation and the cease-fire declared by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and of our desire to ensure normal and good-neighbourly relations with Pakistan and Iran.

On the other hand, the policy being pursued by the Pakistani and Iranian authorities in this connection is not in conformity with the spirit of the process of Geneva talks and the voluntary and unhindered return of the Afghan refugees to their country. Therefore, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, while seriously protesting this unfriendly attitude of the Pakistani and Iranian authorities and their endeavours aimed at preventing the voluntary return of the Afghans residing temporarily in these countries, requests that these countries put an end to such attitudes and eradicate the obstacles that they have created in the way of the return of Afghans to their homeland.

While drawing this to the attention of Your Excellency, who has always been desirous of a political solution to the situation concerning Afghanistan and has persistently striven towards this end, we would like to request you once again to contact the Pakistani and Iranian authorities to pave the way for the return of the Afghans residing temporarily in these countries.

At the same time, we would like you to invite the attention of the world public opinion and international institutions and organizations to this matter to use their influence to secure permission for the charter flights to transfer the Afghans presently residing in Pakistan and Iran back to their homeland and not to create obstacles in the way of their return to their beloved country.

ABDUL WAKIL
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Democratic Republic
of Afghanistan
