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Letter dated 19 May 1980 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 to you herewith the statement of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and to request you to have the enclosed text and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 11 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Chargé d'Affaires

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

The US and British imperialist circles, Chinese chauvinism and their lackeys belonging to world reaction by utilizing bases in Afghanistan's neighbouring territories continue their undeclared war against the people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Joining together in a reactionary alliance, these forces resort to all efforts with a view to disturbing the peaceful lives of the Afghans. They do not feel ashamed of using any means in order to achieve their vile ends, not refraining from any base and filthy method condemned by world public opinion, the UN and all democratic countries. As shown by recent facts, they also use, in their armed struggle against DRA, dreadful savage chemical weapons against an independent state, a member of the UN and the Non-aligned Movement.

The DRA Government brings to the attention of the Moslem people of Afghanistan, all nations and national progressive forces and states of the world that on March 25, 1980, the DRA armed forces patrols in a clash wiped out a subversive band sent from abroad but its arms seized on the spot included hand grenades containing poison gas. Manufactured by the US, these cause immediate poisoning among humans with its after-effects remaining in the environment for quite some time. The DRA Government has got irrefutable evidence indicating that those hand grenades were made available to a subversive band sent into DRA from abroad and the band included foreign military personnel.

The Afghan Government expresses its preparedness to carry out, together with authorized representatives of international community a number of tests on these US-made hand grenades and the use thereof, supplies to bands of mercenaries sent into Afghanistan from abroad.

The DRA Government deems it necessary to point out that, as has been proved clearly, the US has used on a wide scale various kinds of chemical weapons during its criminal war in Vietnam despite protests by international circles, killing civilians and seriously damaging the environment. As is known, it is not accidental that some time ago the mass media in the US controlled by the CIA and the Pentagon, raised a hue and cry as if a poisonous chemical is used in Afghanistan against the subversive bands. Further, the US and other Western press claim that the limited Soviet military contingents stationed in our country at the request of the Afghan Government in accord with the provisions of international law and of the UN Charter have resorted to the use of chemical weapons against the civilians. This claim has been nothing but a shameful lie and slander. Now in the light of the recent facts, the object this hullabaloo has been made clear and that is to cover up their own criminal acts through

absurd and groundless claims. The DRA Government expressing its profound indignation and resentment against the sending into our country of mercenary bands and arming them with chemical weapons by international imperialism and regional reaction and strongly protests the use of these weapons against civilian which constitutes an unprecedented savage act.

The DRA Government draws the attention of the governments of neighbouring countries which made available their territories for subversive activities by others against peace-loving Afghanistan to this fact that by allowing US espionage agencies and deploying chemical weapons on their soil with which the bandits, saboteurs and terrorists are armed against Afghanistan, they are taking on their shoulders very heavy responsibilities indeed.

The DRA Government asks all democratic states, national progressive movements and the entire human society to condemn the criminal acts of US imperialist circles in Afghanistan and thus prevent from the implementation of their vile designs on the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.
