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OF THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO  
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Letter dated 15 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the declaration concerning Afghanistan adopted on 13 July 1987 at Copenhagen by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the twelve States members of the European Community, of which Denmark is currently the President (see annex).

I would appreciate the circulation of the text of this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 92 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration concerning Afghanistan adopted by the Ministers for  
Foreign Affairs of the twelve States members of the European  
Community at Copenhagen on 13 July 1987

The Twelve have examined the situation in Afghanistan. They noted that the latest round of proximity talks in Geneva between Afghanistan and Pakistan had produced no results.

They reaffirmed their belief that the rapid withdrawal of Soviet troops according to an irrevocable timetable remains the essential pre-condition if this long conflict is to be brought to an end. For the Twelve, Afghanistan represents a concrete test of Soviet goodwill.

A political solution must guarantee the Afghan people's right to self-determination, allow the return of the refugees and re-establish Afghanistan's status as a genuinely independent and non-aligned country.

The Twelve reaffirm their support for the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his special representative. They continue to support the moderate and reasonable position of Pakistan.

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