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Letter dated 23 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Pakistan at Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 3 p.m., on 14 October 1987, and the following note of protest was announced to him by the Deputy Director of the First Political Department of the Ministry:

"According to the information from the security forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the military forces of Pakistan have fired 11 shells of heavy weapons on Shamshad frontier post of the frontier regiment of Nengarhar province on 6 October 1987.

"The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan lodges its strong protest with the Government of Pakistan for this aggression of the Pakistani armed forces, and demands that the Pakistani authorities put an immediate end to such acts of aggression, which will result in nothing but further deterioration of the situation in the frontier regions. Otherwise, the responsibility for the grave consequences of such acts will squarely fall on the shoulders of the authorities of Pakistan.

"The Government of Pakistan has alleged that the artillery units of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan have shelled Ghashi area located in Bajawol Agency from 10.40 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. on 29 September, at 0515 hours on 30 September and at 8 a.m. on 1 October 1987, as well as on Gardi Bagh at 11.45 a.m. on 30 September 1987.

"After thorough investigation, the competent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan found these allegations to be baseless and void of any truth whatsoever.

"It is demanded that the Pakistani authorities put an immediate end to such baseless allegations which will only result in creating a grave situation along the border."

I have further the honour to request the circulation of this letter as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 72, 129, 134 and 138, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Shah Mohammad DOST
Ambassador
Permanent Representative