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GENERAL ASSEMBLY Forty-third session Items 30, 72, 130, 134 and 137 of the preliminary list\* THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY 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 DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES SECURITY COUNCIL Forty-third year

Letter dated 29 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Pakistan has rejected the protest made by the Kabul authorities on 21 March 1988, in which it was alleged that on 17 March 1988, at 1525 hours, three MI-17 helicopters of the Afghan armed forces, while flying from Barikot to Faizabad, were fired at near Bregmatal by one F-16 aircraft of the Pakistan Air Force with a rocket.

The Government of Pakistan has also rejected the protest made by the Kabul authorities on 27 March 1988, at 1100 hours, in which it was alleged that on 19 March 1988, two jet aircrafts of the Afghan Air Force, while flying near

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Torkham, were fired at by anti-aircraft guns of Pakistan armed forces located at Gharbagh, 3 kilometres south-east of Torkham.

The Afghan Chargé d'affaires at Islamabad was summoned to the Foreign Office on 29 March 1988 and informed that the allegations had been investigated and were found to be baseless.

Accordingly, Pakistan's rejection of the Afghan protests was conveyed to the Chargé d'affaires and he was asked to inform his authorities that they should desist from making such fictitious allegations.

I request to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 30, 72, 130, 134 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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(Signed) S. SHAH NAWAZ Ambassador and Permanent Representative