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Letter dated 6 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the letter from Najibullah, President of the Republic of Afghanistan, to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights (see annex).

I have further the honour to request the circulation of the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 72, 100, 130, 134 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Shah Mohammad DOST
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated March 1988 from Najibullah, President of the Republic of Afghanistan, to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

As you are aware, since the declaration of the Policy of National Reconciliation in Afghanistan, the efforts of Afghan society have been concentrated on the cause of peace. In the light of this policy, fundamental measures for the peaceful solution of the pressing domestic problems, with the co-operation of all forces of Afghan society, is being materialized.

In continuation of these measures, the Law on Election to the National Assembly has been adopted, according to which nation-wide, secret, direct and democratic elections on the basis of equal rights to all citizens of the country are to be held in April this year.

The Law on Election to the National Assembly, based on the Constitution of the Republic of Afghanistan, reflecting all norms and principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is one of the most democratic laws that is in full accord with the culture and tradition of the people of Afghanistan and the tenets of the sacred religion of Islam.

It is worth mentioning that the said law, for the first time, provides the right of free and just participation to all parties and socio-political organizations, including opposition parties and all citizens of the country.

Holding elections to the National Assembly under conditions which the Policy of National Reconciliation will turn to a great mobilizing factor of all our compatriots for the cause of establishing peace and democracy in the Afghan land; elections are one of the fundamental areas for the realization of the rights and political freedom of the citizens of the Republic of Afghanistan.

In view of the noble and human mission undertaken by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Republic of Afghanistan invites a delegation of the Commission to pay a visit to the Republic of Afghanistan and to see for itself the election process taking place in the country.

We are sure that this visit will familiarize and provide further assurances to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights with regard to the strict and undeviated observance of international norms and commitments by the Republic of Afghanistan.
