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Note verbale dated 15 June 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, upon instructions from his Government, has the honour to state the following in response to the Secretary-General's note dated 1 June 1981.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, on different occasions, has stated its position of principle in connexion with the so-called question of Kampuchea. This position was emphatically reaffirmed when Afghanistan, along with many other Member States, voted against General Assembly resolution 35/6 on 22 October 1980.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan strongly believes that the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea is the sole and authentic representative of the people of Kampuchea. The results of the general elections held on 1 May 1981 were but another confirmation of this fact.

It is indeed a betrayal of the Kampuchean people that individuals representing the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan gang, who massacred over 3 million Kampucheans, are still allowed illegally to occupy the seat of Kampuchea in the United Nations.

Imposition of the discussion on the General Assembly of the so-called question of Kampuchea was totally unwarranted. It constituted a flagrant interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State, the People's Republic of Kampuchea, in violation of the principles of international law and of the United Nations Charter.

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To convene the so-called "International Conference on Kampuchea" will only serve the imperialistic hegemonistic designs to isolate the legitimate and lawful government of Kampuchea.

For those reasons and others, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan strongly objects the convening of the Conference and will not take part in this propagandistic campaign.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is of the strong opinion that, in order to find a just and practical solution to the problem of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia, all countries of the region should realize and respect the right of all nations to determine their destiny free from any outside interference on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence, good-neighbourliness, co-operation and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other.

The proposals put forward by three Indo-Chinese countries, inter alia, the holding of a regional conference among the Indo-Chinese and ASEAN countries, enjoy the full support of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. A positive and sincere response to these proposals, no doubt, serves the cause of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia.

The Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations has further the honour to request the Secretary-General to have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.
