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Note verbale dated 23 September 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him of the following:

PAKISTANI CHARGES REFUTED BY AFGHAN AUTHORITIES

It has been the persistent policy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to maintain and develop friendly relations with all countries in particular with its neighbours, based on the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs and good neighbourliness. Since the victory of April 1978 revolution and especially after its new phase, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has been persuading its two neighbours to conduct negotiations on these problems. On the basis of this policy, proposals were put forward on 14 May 1980, aimed at a political settlement of the situation around Afghanistan and normalization and improvement of bilateral relations between Afghanistan and Iran, and Afghanistan and Pakistan. On 24 August a new set of realistic and constructive peaceful proposals was set forth which took into account the developments that have taken place since May 1980. Putting forward these proposals, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan hoped that our neighbours would find it possible to respond favourably to the repeated calls by the Afghan Government for negotiations.

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When things seemed to be moving and a breakthrough was logically foreseen, the Pakistani authorities have regrettably released slanderous allegations on the so-called "border violations" by the Afghan armed forces.

The Pakistani accusation that the Afghan planes have allegedly violated the air space and had shelled a Pakistani border post and that Afghan soldiers had entered into a Pakistani village for a search for weapons have already been emphatically and categorically refuted by the Afghan Defense Ministry and by a statement of the Bakhtar news agency.

It was emphasized that such anti-Afghan allegations deluding the minds of Pakistani people and misguiding international public opinion are particularly regrettable at a time when the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan launched a new peaceful initiative aimed, besides other things, at the normalization of relations with Pakistan by means of direct negotiations between the Government of the two countries.

It is evident that the realization of the Afghan latest proposals would be beneficial for peace and stability in the region and indeed in the world at large. The attempts of the Pakistani authorities to disrupt this process by various propaganda tricks are deplorable.

It has further the honour to request to have this note circulated as an official document under agenda items 57, 58 and 83, of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

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