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Note verbale dated 25 November 1981 from the Permanent  
Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the enclosed text entitled "On the 'Iranian Plan' for Afghanistan" be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 57, 58 and 83, and of the Security Council.

ANNEX

ON THE "IRANIAN PLAN" FOR AFGHANISTAN

On November 10 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran released the so-called "Plan on Afghanistan". The DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not received the text of the "Plan" officially and therefore will comment on the text as it was conveyed by the international news agencies.

It must be emphasized from the very beginning that those who presented this proposal either did not grasp the origin and the nature of the April Revolution in Afghanistan of 1978, or refuse to understand this phenomenon and deliberately distort the events in our country.

Secondly, the authors of this so-called "Plan" appropriate the right for themselves to speak on behalf and for the people of Afghanistan. But the pious Moslem and free born Afghan people have never asked them for that. They have their own legitimate government which can speak on their behalf, express their will and exercise their sovereign rights.

Thirdly, the so-called "proposals" advanced by the Iranian MFA are an outright and flagrant interference into the domestic affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Irrespective of what their sponsors have in mind, "the proposals" objectively reflect the most sinister and perfidious schemes of the world imperialist and hegemonist forces which are striving to strangle the Afghan national democratic revolution, to throw the proud Afghan people into the darkness of the Medieval ages.

Fourthly, the authors of the "plan" in their outrageous arrogance think that they can dictate to the Afghan people what kind of political system they should have; they are trying to impose on the Afghan people the Government composed of the representatives of foreign reactionary, clergy, they try to subjugate the Afghan people to the foreign occupation by the so-called "Islamic peace-keeping force", comprising Pakistani and Iranian troops. Only the people completely ignorant of the history of Afghanistan and its long-standing tradition of struggle against all kinds of foreign invaders can contemplate such a crazy idea.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the above mentioned "Plan" is an abortive attempt of the arch-reactionary Islamic forces in Iran which have completely lost touch with the reality to remodel the Afghan society in accordance with their outmoded ideas. Apparently they want to impose on the rest of the world their own vision of the role of the sacred religion of Islam. Such an approach is definitely doomed to complete failure.

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In the light of the above mentioned it goes without saying that the so-called Iranian proposals cannot be a basis for any fruitful discussions and are totally and categorically rejected.

The DRA Government sincerely appeals to the responsible quarters of Iran to be realistic to take the Afghan revolution as it is, to abandon the attempts to impose on the Afghan people the outmoded political and religious concepts, to get down to negotiations with the DRA Government so as to normalize relations between the two countries which are tied by the bonds of history, cultural traditions and the language.

The DRA Government in its Statement of August 24 offered to the Islamic Republic of Iran to hold negotiations with the aim of working out an agreement on the development of friendly relations and multifaceted mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries including the questions of trade, economic cooperation, transit and cultural ties. These proposals still stand and the Afghan government is ready to talk on their basis. We are open minded and are ready to take any realistic ideas which may be put forward by the Iranian side.

Since the very beginning of the anti-imperialist revolution in Iran the Afghan people and the DRA government have consistently expressed their solidarity with the struggle of the brotherly Iranian people. Shoulder to shoulder with the people of Iran, the Afghan people are ready to continue the struggle for the liberation of our region from the last vestiges of the imperialist dictate and domination, for the creation of the conditions for lasting peace and free unimpeded development of the peoples of South West Asia.

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