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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 14 June 1982 from the representatives of Afghanistan
and the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Missions of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations have the honour to transmit to you excerpts from the text of the Joint Declaration by the German Democratic Republic and the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan on the occasion of the official friendship visit of a party and State delegation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan headed by Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, to the German Democratic Republic from 19 to 21 May 1982.

We would be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 55 and 59 of the preliminary list.

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of Afghanistan to the
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ANNEX

FROM THE JOINT DECLARATION BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP VISIT OF A PARTY AND STATE DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN HEADED BY BABRAK KARMAL, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FROM 19 TO 21 MAY 1982

ERICH HONECKER AND BABRAK KARMAL EMPHASIZED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF CONCERTED ACTION BY ALL THOSE FORCES WHO STAND UP FOR PEACE, SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE.

THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN CONDEMN THE ADVENTUROUS POLICY OF CONFRONTATION AND SUPERARMAMENT PURSUED BY THE MOST AGGRESSIVE IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAS SERIOUSLY AGGRAVATED THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THEY OPPOSE THE EXPANSION OF THAT POLICY TO EVER NEW REGIONS, AND RESIST ALL ATTEMPTS TO INTERNATIONALIZE REGIONAL DISPUTES OR TENSIONS THE SETTLEMENT OF WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE SOLE COMPETENCE OF THE STATES CONCERNED.

THE TWO STATES CONDEMN THE IMPERIALIST POLICY OF THREATS AS WELL AS THE IMPOSITION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN STATES.

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THEY DENOUNCE THE POLICY OF THE MOST AGGRESSIVE CIRCLES OF NATO USING DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF POLAND AS A PRETEXT FOR EXACERBATING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND FOR OPENLY INTERFERING IN POLAND'S AFFAIRS.

ERICH HONECKER AND BABRAK KARMAL EXPRESSED THEIR GRAVE CONCERN AT THE ENVISAGED DEPLOYMENT OF NEW AMERICAN MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND CONSIDERED THESE PLANS A DANGEROUS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE APPROXIMATE MILITARY BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD AT LARGE. THEY REITERATED THEIR STATES' RESOLVE TO CONSISTENTLY WORK FOR BANISHING THE THREAT OF WAR, STRENGTHENING PEACE, FOR ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AMONG STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND TO ADVOCATE THE ELIMINATION OF TROUBLESPOTS AND HOTBEDS OF TENSION BY MEANS OF POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, ERICH HONECKER, AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, BABRAK KARMAL, UNDERLINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PEACE PROGRAMME ADOPTED AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS WITH A VIEW TO SECURING PEACE AND PROFOUNDLY IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

THE TWO SIDES CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION IN EUROPE AND ATTACH UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE SPEEDY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION BETWEEN THE U.S.S.R. AND THE U.S.A.

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THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN CONDEMN THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF EVER NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO PRODUCE THE NEUTRON WEAPON.

ERICH HONECKER AND BABRAK KARMAL REAFFIRMED THE INTENT OF THEIR STATES TO MAKE AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, WHICH SHOULD, IN THEIR VIEW, LEAD TO CONCRETE STEPS FOR THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND FOR DISARMAMENT.

THE TWO STATESMAN EXPRESSED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF STABILITY AND PEACE IN EUROPE COULD HAVE A FAVOURABLE BEARING ON THE SITUATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THEY ADVOCATED THE CONSISTENT CONTINUATION OF THE PROCESS INITIATED BY THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND DECLARED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE MADRID MEETING, ABOVE ALL A DECISION ON THE CONVOCAATION OF A CONFERENCE ON MILITARY DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE, WOULD BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN FACE OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

ERICH HONECKER AND BABRAK KARMAL CONSIDERED THE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA, ESPECIALLY IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST, IN SOUTH WEST ASIA, THE GULF AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY APPRECIATED THE PEOPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN STRENGTHENING THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, HEGEMONISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO- COLONIALISM.

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THE TWO SIDES DENOUNCED THE POLICY OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THESE STATES AND CONDEMNED THAT ENTIRE GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES ARE DECLARED "SPHERES OF INTEREST".

THEY ESPOUSE GOODNEIGHBOURLY CO-OPERATION AMONG ALL ASIAN STATES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING. THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES ADVOCATE NEGOTIATIONS ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN THE FAR EAST AND ENDORSE THE INITIATIVE OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PROPOSING THE SIGNING OF A CONVENTION ON MUTUAL NON-AGGRESSION AND NON-USE OF FORCE IN THE RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES IN THE ASIAN AND THE PACIFIC REGIONS.

THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN VOICED THEIR GRAVE CONCERN AT THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST AND RESOLUTELY CONDEMNED THE ANNEXATION OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS BY ISRAEL. THEY REITERATE THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA WITH THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. THEY CONSIDER THE CONVOCATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BOTH TIMELY AND REALISTIC TO BRING ABOUT SUCH SOLUTION.

THE TWO SIDES CONDEMN THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ON "STRATEGIC ALLIANCE" THAT IS AIMED AGAINST ALL PEOPLES OF THAT REGION. THEY REGARD THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN AND ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, AND THE GUARANTEE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT STATE TO BE AN INDISPENSABLE CONDITION FOR A JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

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THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN STRESS THE NECESSITY TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE GULF. THEY REAFFIRM THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF STATES IN THAT REGION TO ENSURE THEIR SECURITY WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND TO EXERCISE UNRESTRICTED CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. THEY SPEAK OUT FOR THE DISMANTLING OF EXISTING FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, AND AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ONES.

ERICH HONECKER AND BABRAK KARMAL EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE MILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN BY THE UNITED STATES. THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO A ZONE OF PEACE. THEY CONSIDER IT PRIMARILY URGENT THAT THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN BE CONVENED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1983, AT THE LATEST. BOTH SIDES VALUE THE PEACE-LOVING POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

THE TWO STATES DECLARE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA, AND SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS OF THESE STATES CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIA INTO A ZONE OF PEACE, STABILITY AND CO-OPERATION. THEY CONSIDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE ENTITLED TO REPRESENT ITS COUNTRY IN THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

THE TWO SIDES APPRECIATED THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES MADE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION, AGAINST NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID. THEY CONDEMN ALL ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE FURTHER ADVANCE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES ON THEIR ROAD TOWARD INDEPENDENCE,

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PROGRESS AND PEACE AND DENOUNCE, PARTICULARLY, THE UNABATING ACTS OF AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST ANGOLA. THEY WILL ALSO IN FUTURE ASSIST THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE LED BY THEIR AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVES, THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO) AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC), AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST REGIME.

THE TWO SIDES MOST RESOLUTELY REJECT THE U.S. POLICY OF INTERFERENCE TOWARDS THE STATES IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND DECLARE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. THEY CORROBORATE THEIR FRATERNAL BONDS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

ERICH HONECKER LAUDED THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED STATES AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE STRIVING FOR PEACE, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, FOR THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE, AND IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND RACISM AS WELL AS THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN THE MOVEMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC'S FIRM SUPPORT OF THESE OBJECTIVES OF THE MOVEMENT WHICH ARE OF IMPORTANCE FOR ALL MANKIND.

THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ARE DETERMINED TO STAND UP FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALIST AND NEO-COLONIALIST EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON EQUALITY.

THE TWO STATES REAFFIRMED THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, AND THEY UNDERScore THE ORGANIZATION'S INCREASING ROLE IN STRENGTHENING PEACE, GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY OF PEOPLES, AND DEVELOPING FRUITFUL INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.
