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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 27 July 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you a statement issued on 25 July 1982 by the Presidium of the Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organisation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

I have further the honour to request that this letter and the above-mentioned annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 31 and 34 of the provisional agenda.

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PRESIDIUM OF THE PEACE, SOLIDARITY
AND FRIENDSHIP ORGANISATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
AFGHANISTAN ON THE AGGRESSION OF ISRAEL ON LEBANON

Kabul, July 25, Bakhtar: The Presidium of the Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has issued a statement condemning the shameless and inhuman aggression of Israel on Lebanon.

Following is the text of the statement:

The recent developments in the Middle East and especially the tragic events in the Lebanese territory is indicative of the fact that the Israeli Zionist occupying forces with the direct support of the world notorious U.S. imperialism, by launching a broad and intensive aggression against the independent Lebanon, have come out to crush the movement of Palestine people's resistance and the national and patriotic forces of Lebanon and by imposing a policy of bloody terror and horror to force the Arab countries one after the other into the claws of the anti-peace Middle East policy of the United States.

The facts testify that the Israeli Zionists and their American patrons, during the period of more than six weeks, have trampled over all the norms envisaged in the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, trespassed overtly, have used a wide range of lethal chemical weapons, phosphorus bombs, cluster and napalm bombs killing more than 30,000 Lebanese and Palestinians, ninety-five percent of whom were civilians and seventy percent of whom were women and children, and by occupying one-third of the Lebanese territory, have made more than 800 thousand people homeless.

Relying on the American-Israeli strategic cooperation treaty, the fascist leaders of Tel-Aviv are continuing their terrors and their most shameful inhuman crimes and are endeavouring to build a "great Israel" in the Arab occupied territories by the force of their sword.

The experience of the contemporary history explicitly indicates that the "policy of sword" is doomed to failure.

The Presidium of the Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan expresses its full support for the establishment of an international commission to assess the crimes of Zionist Israel in Lebanon. The Presidium also declares its militant solidarity and decisive support for the struggle of the heroic people of Palestine and the national and

patriotic forces of Lebanon in repulsing the aggression of Zionist aggressors and ensuring the national unity, territorial integrity, sovereignty and national independence of the Republic of Lebanon and ensuring the durable peace in the Middle East.

The Presidium of the Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organisation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan also fully upholds the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization calling for the total withdrawal of the occupationist soldiers from the independent country of Lebanon.

Successful be the rightful struggle of the heroic people of Palestine and the national and patriotic forces of Lebanon against imperialism and zionism.
