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

OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Letter dated 10 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a message of Babrak Karmal, President of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to the Afghan nationals living abroad which was broadcasted and telecasted by Radio-TV of Afghanistan on 24 August 1982.

I have further the honour to request that this letter and the above-mentioned annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 58, 59 and 90 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

MESSAGE OF BABRAK KARMAL
PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
ADDRESSED TO THE AFGHAN NATIONALS LIVING ABROAD
WHICH WAS BROADCASTED AND TELECASTED BY
RADIO-TV OF AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 24, 1982

In the name of God, the Merciful the Compassionate.

Brothers,

The National-Democratic April Revolution inflicted a deadly blow on the tyrannical domination of feudals and corrupt bureaucrats who had been keeping our people for years on end in poverty, disease and illiteracy and did not pay any attention to the welfare of our people and their just rights. The April Revolution is the beginning of a new and great path which leads our people towards prosperity, complete freedom from the shackles of the cruel feudal and pre-feudal relations, towards a new culture, health, civilization and progress.

With the victory of the Revolution, those who had abundant land, big capital and endless power saw their interests in danger and unleashed a war and animosity against the revolution. In this ruthless war against your homeland, the world imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, reactionary regimes of the region and the hegemonist China, reactionaries, feudals and the former rulers of our country joined hands and did not stop at committing any kind of crime and subversion against our people.

On the other hand, within the Party and Revolutionary State, Amin and his band resorted, in the first days of the Revolution, to a conspiracy against the principled, Democratic Party of Afghanistan. After usurping power completely, they perpetrated the worst kinds of torture, crimes and excesses on our people. This plot was a help to the enemies of the revolution who were waiting for such fatal mistakes on our part in order to justify their opposition to our revolution.

But, compatriots, you must know that these crimes and deviations were completely against the essence and nature of our revolution. Today, we have established democratic legality, in its real sense in the country and have given unshakeable legal status to the rights and freedoms of our people. The victory of Sixth of Jaddi (December 27) razed to the ground all the plots of the reactionary countries of the region and imperialism. They rose to hatch wide conspiracies against our country. As a result, the territorial integrity, independence and national sovereignty and the revolutionary gains of our people were faced with a serious danger.

In order to defend our country against aggression from abroad, we were constrained to request urgent assistance from the traditional and the real friend of the people of Afghanistan, i.e., the U.S.S.R.

The enemies of the revolution who thus saw their ominous plans doomed, unleashed a propaganda campaign and claimed that Afghanistan had come under the occupation of the Soviet Union. This is a cowardly slander completely detached from the reality of the brotherly Soviet assistance, rendered in accordance with the Afghan-Soviet Treaty of Friendship of December 5, 1978 and Article 51 of the U.N. Charter.

Countrymen,

We abhor fratricide, discord and animosity between our people. We have always fought for ensuring unity of action and strengthening brotherhood among all the tribes and nationalities inhabiting our united and beloved Afghanistan and will spare no effort in the future to achieve this end.

In the two and a half years since the downfall of the bloody regime of Amin, we have shown that we are the real and devoted servants of our people.

We assure you, compatriots, that in our country, the conditions are rapidly improving. No one is persecuted or investigated for his religious belief or political and ideological inclinations, unless he resorts to plots and subversive actions against our people and revolution. The rights, freedoms, property, and privacy of individuals are protected.

In line with our peaceful approach towards our countrymen who have been deluded, we have given legal force to this matter by the Decree of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council on General

Amnesty of June 18, 1981.

You are living as a stranger away from the homeland, leading a difficult and meaningless life, detached from the warmth of your family and subjected to constant humiliation, while the revolution offers you land, opportunity to work, education, and participation in moulding the destiny of the society.

Do you know that U.S. imperialism and the regimes of Pakistan and China are using you as a convenient and cheap tool? You do not have any authority of your own. The so-called leaders of the so-called Jamiat and Harakat-E-Islami, etc., who themselves are leading a royal life in their decorated palaces, make you an object of deals. We assure you that, in any case, we will establish complete security in the country. Our revolution is getting consolidated and ever wider ranks of the people are rallying around it.

Life has shown that our party is getting stronger with every passing day; its link with the people are getting consolidated and the enemy is becoming weaker.

In the name of Afghan honour, in the name of the homeland, wake up and return to your country, return to your homeland which is waiting for you and has a right on you. The country will embrace you in its fold. Still, it is not too late. Abandon the path which you have followed erroneously and under the impact of the enemy's deceit. Respond to the compassionate call of the homeland and begin a new, a normal, humane, proud and free life in your ancestral and proud homeland. There are no obstacles for you on this path. The Government and State of the DRA will ensure for you necessary conditions for engaging in fruitful and useful social work and leading a befitting human life. Make use of this real possibility which can change your destiny and that of your children in an honourable and desired direction.

Come, let us together make our beautiful country prosperous and blossoming. The homeland needs you.

And success is from God!

BABRAK KARMAL
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COUNCIL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
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