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Letter dated 22 August 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing the present letter as a follow-up to the letter dated 22 February 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations (S/2019/175) with regard to the outstanding issue of continued violations of the territory of Afghanistan by the military forces of the Government of Pakistan.

As noted in that letter of complaint, the violations were in the form of the shelling of districts in eastern parts of Afghanistan; the construction of military posts and barriers on Afghan territory; and the violation of Afghan airspace by Pakistani military aircraft.

The present communication is being submitted in relation to the most recent incidents of violations, which took place on 19 and 20 August 2019, whereby Pakistani military forces fired over 200 rockets into the Sheltan district of Kunar Province. The attacks resulted in the destruction of residential property and the displacement of the local population, who have suffered greatly as a result of the latest violations.

It should be noted, in that regard, that the issue of violations of Afghan territory by Pakistani military forces has continued despite numerous communications and appeals made to the Government of Pakistan, bilaterally and through other measures, to cease such illegal and provocative activities. In that regard, the Government of Afghanistan reiterates its strong condemnation of Pakistan's failure to adhere to its obligations under the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including Article 2, as well as international law and international humanitarian law.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan reiterates its call upon the Security Council to take the measures and actions necessary to bring about an end to the violations identified above.

I should be grateful if the present letter of complaint regarding Pakistan's continued activities could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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