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**Letter dated 17 July 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing to report on the most recent violations of the territory of Afghanistan by the military forces of the Government of Pakistan. This incursion represents a reiteration of violations as we had previously expressed our concerns in communications sent to the Security Council on 22 February and 22 August 2019.

On this particular occasion, on 15 July, Pakistan military forces began unprovoked artillery attacks against Afghan border posts and civilian residential areas in the Sarakano and Asad Abad districts of Kunar Province. The attacks included 12 heavy artillery strikes targeting Asad Abad district and more than 160 artillery rounds fired at Sarakano district. In addition to four casualties among members of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces, the attacks further claimed the lives of six civilians, including two women, and eight injuries. This attack also resulted in significant damage to civilian property.

We would like to once again reiterate, as we have in previous communications, that the issue of violations of Afghan territory by Pakistani military forces has continued despite numerous appeals made to the Government of Pakistan, bilaterally and through other measures, to cease their illegal and provocative activities in our sovereign territory. In that regard, the Government of Afghanistan expresses, once again, 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 is currently working to de-escalate the situation bilaterally, but should this fail, it will call on the Security Council to take 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 and kept on record for reference should attempts at de-escalating prove unfruitful.

(Signed) Adela **Raz**  
Permanent Representative

