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of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, I have the honour to transmit in the annex hereto a copy of the photograph published in *The New York Times* of 8 March 2000, page 12, which shows an advertising display for a Pakistani extremist organization in Pakistan which recruits and trains fighters.

The Pakistan military intelligence uses these fighters, and those recruited and trained by other similar Pakistani organizations, as mercenaries for its expansionist policy in Central Asia and South Asia. Many of the training camps of these groups are situated in the territory of Afghanistan ruled by the Taliban. Many of these fighters have been captured and are detained by the armed forces of the Islamic State of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Mission has provided the English translation from the Urdu language of the text on the banners in the stall in Peshawar.

I should be grateful if the text of the present note and its annexed photograph, and the text of the translation, would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 50, 116 and 160, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Ravan **Farhâdi**  
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