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Letter dated 21 July 1988 from the Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter addressed to you by
Mr. Abdul Wakil, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan.

I also have the honour to request the circulation of the present letter and
its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 72, 130, 134
and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Shah MOHAMMAD DOST
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan
addressed to the Secretary-General

With the expression of sincere wishes, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Afghanistan, I would like to draw your attention to the new wave of ferocious and adventurist actions by extremists linked with the Peshawar-based alliance of seven, who have created appalling tragedies with a sequence of surface-to-surface missile barrages on the inhabitants of Kabul and other cities and residential areas.

As an example, on Friday, 15 July, Sunday, 17 July, Tuesday, 19 July and Wednesday, 20 July, while the city was asleep in the calm of dawn, a number of our countrymen were buried under the rubble of their houses after severe explosions; this left behind the bodies of innocent people and grief-stricken relatives. These tragic events shake the conscience of every human being.

These were only four instances in the long list of recent extremist crimes in Kabul City, where 177 missiles were fired in the past one and a half months, killing 75 people, 21 children among them, and injuring 98 others. My words cannot translate the grief of those innocent people who shed tears at the loss of their most beloved ones. There exist no words to describe the indignation and wrath of our people, which has spread throughout society against the extremists who deny their crime. The people of Afghanistan expected and still expect that, with the sincere implementation of the Geneva Accords, the real sources of the blood being spilt in their country will stop. They expected and still expect that the tranquillity of the Afghan nation will not be disturbed after the Geneva Accords, for they understand that every provision of the Accords has no interpretation other than what was signed, and that the means of interference and the shipment of weapons will stop and the licence to kill shall no more be issued. The new rounds of rocket bombardment on residential areas, the sudden descent of the death machines on houses, markets and public places, the slaying of shopkeepers and passers by clearly indicated that the weapon pipelines, including deadly rockets with a range of 22 to 36 kilometers, have been further strengthened. The irreconcilable extremists are awarded with further assistance for their crimes, since the increase in the level of their crimes is directly proportional to the increase in the quality and quantity of the means of crime put at their disposal.

Is it not high time for Pakistan, as the principal signatory of the Accords, and the United States of America, as the State guarantor, which still continues to fan the flames of war, to understand the futility of blind terrorism? Is it not high time for them to realise the fact that relying upon the force of gunpowder and military solutions instead of confiding in human wisdom and realism lead nowhere? Such scenarios shake the conscience of mankind and run contrary to established and civilised human conduct. Such acts will not win applause.

The objectives behind these barbaric designs to rip apart the bodies of innocent children, youth, men and women, are well known to us all. They aim at unrealistic and inhumane objectives. The calculations of the armed extremists in determining these objectives are only motivated by evil thinking that can only be thought out under conditions of hysteria by notorious criminal brains. No political purpose, for which the noble course of dialogue is kept wide open, could be served with such blind acts. What other motive but the thirst for human blood could encourage someone to fire a missile that has been aimed at the cottage of his own compatriot?

The perpetrators of these horrible acts only want to avenge, in the most ferocious way, our people, for their acceptance of the humane policy of peace and national reconciliation. They want to create panic among the peaceful citizens of the cities and villages at a time when the limited contingent of Soviet troops are returning to their peace-loving homeland. They want to frighten the refugees from returning to their homeland. They want to jeopardize the future of peace in their country and also to create doubts about the safety of the normal life of the people. They are afraid of the tranquil and peaceful perspectives of our people and thus would like to create obstructions in the way of the honest implementation of the Geneva Accords.

While the Republic of Afghanistan has undertaken all possible measures for the implementation of the Accords and the return of the Soviet military forces is being carried out according to the present schedule, it cannot ignore the brazen violations committed by the other side, the main instances of which have already been notified to you through various notes. It is worth mentioning that the firings of rockets on residential areas inside Afghanistan are the most visible examples of these violations and that the transfer of these rockets to Afghanistan is one of the most brazen violations of the Accords so far committed.

With full confidence that you will exploit every possibility to revive the confidence in the Geneva Accords, which have won the support of all peace-loving people of the world and to which you significantly contributed in the name of all those suffering from the war imposed on Afghanistan, especially in the name of the relatives of those most recently sacrificed and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan, I sincerely invite you to use your good offices to end these violations of the provisions of the Geneva Accords, which are very clear to all, and thus assist our people so that in future these unbearable crimes are not repeated against our war-stricken people.

Abdul WAKIL
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Afghanistan
