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Letter dated 8 August 1988 from the Permanent Representative  
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

The letter addressed to you by the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, contained in document A/43/465-S/20019 dated 15 July 1988, is another attempt by the representative of the Pakistan Government to mislead the United Nations and world public opinion and constitutes a dire effort to use the situation as a camouflage for continued interference and intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. In response to these allegations, I have the honour to reiterate the position of our Government in this regard.

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The signing of the Geneva Accords, on 14 April 1988, rightfully generated great hopes and expectations among the world public for the solution of the situation that was brought about by the undeclared war against the Republic of Afghanistan in the ten years that followed the victory of the April Revolution. During these years, the territory of Pakistan has been used as the main venue for the training, arming and dispatching of groups of saboteurs to the Republic of Afghanistan. The situation emerged as the result of widening large-scale interference and intervention against our country, which resulted in enormous losses of life and property. We were hoping that by signing the Geneva Accords, Pakistan would honour its obligations and that peace would prevail in our region. But to our deep regret, Pakistan has continued to blatantly violate the letter and spirit of the Geneva Accords. It demagogically supports the agreements in word but, in practice, it continues to violate the Accords with total impunity.

The continued violations by Pakistan of the Geneva Accords prompt us to bring the following points to your attention:

In the period of more than two and one-half months that has elapsed since the Geneva agreements came into effect, in clear violation of the letter and spirit of the agreements, the bases for the training and arming of the opposition groups, their offices and their leadership have continued their activities in Pakistan. In contravention of the Geneva Accords, the so-called interim government was created in Pakistan. In clear violation of these Accords, large groups of armed opposition groups are infiltrated into the territory of Afghanistan with the direct involvement of Pakistani authorities. The depots of arms continue to be kept at full capacity for supplying and arming opposition groups.

Furthermore, in order to prevent the inspection of such depots by the personnel of the United Nations Good Offices Mission to Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP), these depots have been transferred to the tribal areas close to the territory of Afghanistan. The observation teams of UNGOMAP are barred from inspecting these areas on the pretext that the local traditions do not allow foreigners to visit the area. Large amounts of the most sophisticated weapons are sent to Afghanistan through Pakistan with the direct involvement of the latter. Despite the denial of the Government of Pakistan, this fact has been revealed by the United States authorities on several occasions. The latest rocket attacks on Kabul and other cities, causing large numbers of casualties and property damage, were only possible as a result of the large number of long-range missiles delivered to the opposition through Pakistan. The armed forces of Pakistan openly take part in providing support to the subversive activities of the opposition groups and is even directly involved in shelling the residential areas in Afghanistan and other provocative acts against Afghanistan.

The refugees are prevented from coming back to Afghanistan. Those suspected of having the intention to return to the country, have been put under systematic persecution. They are beaten, jailed and some are even murdered. The UNGOMAP investigation teams have only interviewed a bunch of hand-picked, so-called spokesmen of the refugees, that are appointed by the Pakistani authorities with the co-operation of the armed opposition groups. The interviews have never been conducted with a cross-section of the refugees in a confidential manner. The

Pakistani authorities have missed no opportunity to engage in hostile propaganda against Afghanistan with the sole purpose of fanning the flame of the undeclared war against our country.

The Pakistani authorities have not allowed the establishment of permanent posts for UNGOMAP to investigate the supply of arms and ammunitions to the extremist groups in Afghanistan, through Pakistan and to investigate the impediment created on the return of the refugees. The delay in the establishment of posts is aimed at winning time for funnelling more arms and ammunition to the armed opposition groups inside Afghanistan. The on-site inspections have been organized in a manner that allows the Pakistani authorities to bring about necessary changes in the areas where activities are taking place in contravention of the Geneva Accords. UNGOMAP in Islamabad is still lacking adequate means of transportation, especially access to helicopters, despite the fact that article 1 of the memorandum of understanding clearly defines the obligation of the parties for meeting the necessary demands of UNGOMAP for the conduct of inspections. The Pakistani authorities in violation of paragraph 7 of the fourth instrument have refrained from meetings with the representative of the Republic of Afghanistan despite the insistence of the latter. In contradiction to article 4 of the third instrument of the Geneva Accords, the Government of Pakistan has refrained from establishing mixed commissions for organizing, co-ordinating and supervising the voluntary return of the refugees.

It needs to be reiterated once again that the cause of peace and stability in our region makes it incumbent upon all sides to faithfully comply with the Geneva agreements. Therefore, we hope that you shall once again bring to the attention of the Government of Pakistan the obligations it has undertaken by signing the agreements. The Government of Afghanistan will remain fully committed to the Geneva Accords and will do all in its power to implement the Accords and to extend all-sided co-operation to the UNGOMAP.

I have the honour to request the circulation of this letter as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 72, 130, 134 and 137 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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