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LETTER DATED 27 DECEMBER 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to communicate to you the enclosed letter from Foreign
Secretary Sultan M. Khan in reply to your communication of 22 December 1971
addressed to him.

It is requested that this may kindly be circulated as a Security Council
document.

(Signed) A. SHAHI
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan
to the United Nations

Reply dated 26 December 1971 from the Foreign Secretary
of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General

1. I acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 22 December 1971 conveying the text of resolution 307 (1971) adopted by the Security Council at its 1621st meeting on 21 December.
2. It is noted that the Security Council has demanded a durable cease-fire and cessation of all hostilities in all areas of conflict until withdrawals take place, as soon as practicable, of all armed forces to their respective territories and to positions which fully respect the cease-fire line in Jammu and Kashmir supervised by UNMOGIP. I also note that the resolution has called upon all Member States to refrain from any action which may aggravate the situation in the subcontinent or endanger international peace.
3. We have been heartened by the Security Council's call upon all concerned to take all measures necessary to preserve human life and for observance of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 in respect of the protection of the wounded and the sick and of prisoners of war and civilian population. The President of Pakistan has already addressed Your Excellency on the subject and emphasized the gravity of the situation in the prevailing conditions of East Pakistan. It is our hope that the resolution will strengthen your hand in devising immediate measures for the protection of human life and to bring to an end the bloodshed which is taking place there.
4. We similarly welcome the Security Council's call for international assistance in the relief of suffering and the rehabilitation of refugees and their return in safety to their homes and its authorizing you to appoint, if necessary, a special representative to lend his good offices for solution of the humanitarian problems involved.
5. It must be emphasized in this connexion, Excellency, that the Government of Pakistan interprets the Security Council's resolution to be under the provisions of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations and that it is only the vacation of aggression without delay by India in East Pakistan and in all other areas of

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conflict including the recognized positions along the cease-fire line, as in 1965, in Jammu and Kashmir, that will restore peace and stability in the subcontinent. Pakistan expects that India will promptly respond to the demand of the international community as expressed by General Assembly resolution 2793 (XXVI) by an overwhelming majority.

(Signed) Sultan M. KHAN
Foreign Secretary
