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Letter dated 1 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a statement of the National Fatherland Front of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan addressed to all deceived compatriots living abroad.

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I have further the honour to request Your Excellency to have this statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 64, 66, 67, 123, 124 and 129, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL FATHERLAND FRONT

The victory of the Saur Revolution, as a decisive blow to the predatory interests of the reaction and imperialism, brought about the hysterical fury and enmity of all the diabolical forces of the world. Soon, from Washington to Peking, in all the world centres of conspiracy, convulsive efforts began towards waging an undeclared war against the revolution of our people and against the territorial integrity, sovereignty and national independence of our country.

The war-mongering U.S. imperialism, with the complicity of its allies and lackeys, used the revolutionary transformations in our country as a pretext for increasing tension, enhancing the arms race and unprecedented arming of Pakistan as the gendarme of the region, a springboard of aggression against revolutionary Afghanistan and a threat to its other neighbours, in its drive for hegemony over the world, military superiority and the renewal of the cold war.

In line with other conspiracies and plots, the enemies of our revolution, homeland and people have always tried to use the existence of the so-called Afghan refugees on the territory of neighbouring countries as a pretext for interfering in the internal affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and increasing their armed aggression against our country.

They have prevented our compatriot nomads from returning to their homeland who have the tradition of seasonal migration into neighbouring countries. They have also prevented the return of those compatriots of ours who had gone to other countries before the revolution because of the inhospitable economic conditions. A number of other compatriots of ours have left their homeland as a result of the black tyranny of Amin and his band and as a result of the malicious and deceiving propaganda of the mouth-pieces of the reaction and imperialism who are busy with misrepresenting the realities of our revolution and homeland.

The U.S. imperialism, Chinese hegemonists, Pakistani militarists and other reactionary forces of the region and the world, have made these compatriots of ours, in violation of all accepted international norms, the subject of vast political

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deals. Numerous camps for military and terroristic training have been established on the territory of Pakistan under the name of "refugee camps". At the head of the bands formed by them for murder and subversion, were posted unknown and vulgar elements, representing the toppled down ruling circles who either, as a result of the revolution or even prior to it, had sought refuge with the reactionary and imperialistic groups and whose interests have nothing to do with the interests of the vast masses of our people.

The internal and foreign counter-revolution drag the deceived elements to the camps for military and terroristic training and by arming and dispatching them inside the country and forcing them to commit murder and destruction, undertake the darkest and the most inhuman crimes against our homeland and people. The scoundrel lackeys of the monarchy and the well-known spies of the CIA, putting on the garments of spiritualism, put the name of "Jehad" on murder, subversion, arson, theft, robbery and misused, in the most unforbidden way, the valuable beliefs and traditions of our people.

In addition, the reaction of Pakistan and Iran are trying to use the Afghan counter-revolution as a reserve strike force against the opposition and the national movements of these countries as well as in their confrontation and clashes with neighbours. The efforts of Pakistan to dispatch these elements inside India for espionage and subversion and the forced dispatch of Afghans to the fronts of fratricidal war between Iran and Iraq and against Iranian kurds are examples of such inhuman and deceiving treatment.

The realities testify to the fact that contrary to all claims made, while the scoundrels and toppled-down parasites have acquired fabulous riches by scandalous use of the name "refugees", our compatriots living outside the country are either dying amongst waves of insult and degradation or are dispatched to our country for shedding the blood of their free-born, innocent sisters and brothers and for destruction and arsoning, at the end achieving nothing but defeat in the hand of our armed forces. Disease, hunger, insult and degradation, disrespect to human dignity and attack on the honour of individuals are common features of life in the camps of fugitives in Pakistan which are being presented by the Reagan administration and by the generals expelled from among their people, as the manifestation of their humanism. The distribution of identity cards to Afghans residing in Iran for more open-handed use of them is another unforgettable violation which no proud and free-born Afghan is prepared to accept. And this is being done while

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the Iranian reaction has resolutely forbidden marriage, commodity exchange and other contacts with Afghans residing over there.

Fortunately, the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, with full understanding and consideration of all facts, have adopted a humanitarian and realistic stand vis-a-vis all those who have been deceived into standing against the interests of their people and homeland or have left their country. The general amnesty decree of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan dated Jawza 28, 1360 (June 18, 1981), in accordance with which "all individuals who lay down their arms and voluntarily surrender to state organs and those who having been deceived by the enemies have left the embrace of their homeland including those who have participated in the counter-revolutionary activities, would return to their homeland to compensate for their guilt" will be pardoned, proves the fact that, contrary to all lies and slanders, there is no obstacle for the honourable return of our deceived compatriots to their homeland and to honourable work and life.

The fact that armed groups are constantly coming over to the side of the state and in spite of all the obstacles our compatriots are returning home, is a proof that our party and state have honoured their commitment.

The National Fatherland Front of the DRA, on behalf of hundreds of thousands of its collective and individual members, avails itself of this opportunity to once again address our deceived compatriots abroad and invite them to the compassionate call of esteemed Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and President of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, who in his first message to them said, "In the name of Afghan honour and valour, in the name of the homeland, become aware and return to the homeland".

We are fully confident that no force can detract our revolution from its course, that is the course of serving the oppressed people of our country. Ignominy will be to those who stained their hands with the blood of our innocent people.