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Letter dated 2 February 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter dated 23 January 1989 (A/44/91-S/20417), I have the honour to inform you that on 31 January 1989, at 2110 hours, an Afghan military transport aircraft entered Pakistan airspace in the general area of Miran Shah. The plane hovered over Bannu city for some time and then headed towards Dera Ismail Khan. Apparently after running out of fuel, the plane crashed in the vicinity of the village Basit near Serai Gambaela, south-east of Bannu.

The plane was loaded with a cargo of ammunition and missiles, most of which was blown up in the crash. Some 300 to 400 rockets of 77-mm calibre were still found live and are being handled by the Bomb Disposal Squad. Nine dead bodies, apparently all crew members, were found at the crash site.

During the period that the Afghan plane was in Pakistan airspace, it was covered by Pakistan Air Force interceptors, which, however, did not take hostile

action against the transport plane. No radio contact could be established with the Afghan plane, though Bannu airport had taken precautions to enable the plane to land.

The Afghan Chargé d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office in the morning of 2 February 1989 and a strong protest was lodged with him over this incident.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security", "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States" and "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. Shah NAWAZ
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