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Letter dated 14 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement made by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 13 April 1989 regarding the situation in Afghanistan:

Statement of the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry on
the situation in Afghanistan of 13 April 1989

One year will have passed on 14 April since the signature of the Geneva agreements on the solution to the situation around Afghanistan. The experience of their implementation shows that the obligations undertaken have been honoured by the Republic of Afghanistan and by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

However, the same cannot be said of the other signatories of the Geneva agreements. By their stance, they enable a continuation of the efforts aimed at an armed solution to the Afghan question and of attempts to overthrow forcibly the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan. In doing so, they overlook the fact that, for a speedy restoration of peace and security in that

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region, a normalization of the conflict is necessary by peaceful means and on the basis of compromise negotiations that would provide for a balanced respect for the interests of all parties concerned.

The fights for control over Jalalabad and other towns in the Republic of Afghanistan prove the persisting intervention and active participation in the conflict of those forces which are interested in destabilization, follow their own interests and reject a policy of national reconciliation regardless of the tragic consequences for Afghanistan.

The present development constitutes a grave threat to the territorial integrity, independence and national sovereignty of the Republic of Afghanistan, and to peace and security in the entire region. Only compliance with the Geneva agreements by all signatories can prevent a further dangerous escalation of the tension in that part of the world. Therefore, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic fully supports the concrete proposals put forward by the Republic of Afghanistan and by the Soviet Union in the interests of a political solution to the situation. It regards as an important step a consistent review of the implementation of the Geneva agreements at a session of the United Nations Security Council that would also consider the possibility of the international community taking joint steps in order to achieve a speedy political solution to the conflict.

I would be grateful if you could have the text of the statement distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 32 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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