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LETTER DATED 11 JANUARY 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF PAKISTAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Under instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request you to convene, as early as may be convenient, a meeting of the Security Council to consider further action in the dispute concerning the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the light of the last Report submitted by the United Nations Representative for India and Pakistan on 28 March 1958 (S/3984) and subsequent developments.

My Government is constrained to make this request as the efforts at the highest level for direct negotiations with the Government of India, in conformity with the wish expressed by the United Nations Representative for India and Pakistan (paragraph 35 of his Report) for a just and amicable settlement of the dispute, have failed to open a way towards such settlement.

Recent pronouncements by responsible personalities in India have emphasized that the situation is charged with the utmost gravity. In this connexion, the attention of the Security Council may be drawn to the announcement made by Mr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, President of the Indian National Congress, on 4 January 1962, at the 67th Session of the Congress at Patna, reported in the "Christian Science Monitor" of 8 January 1962, under the headline "Goa Occupation Hailed - Indian Hints Kashmir Move". Mr. Reddy is there reported to have declared that "India might move to take some 42,000 square miles of Kashmir now occupied by Pakistan as well as what has been usurped in the Kashmir region of Ladakh and elsewhere by Communist China. Mr. Reddy told his followers, 'the whole country ... is behind the Nehru Government in liberating the one third ... of Kashmir State at present under Pakistan occupation.'"

In view of the announcement made by the Defence Minister of India, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 26 December 1961, on the authority of the Press Trust of India, "as you are aware, we have not abjured violence in regard to any country who violates our interests", the eagerness expressed by the

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President of the All India Congress with regard to the "liberation" of Azad Kashmir in a formal declaration of policy on behalf of the party in power on the eve of the General Election constitutes a grave threat to the maintenance of peace in that region.

My Government, therefore, feels that the Security Council should be made cognizant of the situation at the earliest opportunity and should be requested to take the whole question into immediate consideration for the purpose of speeding the settlement of the dispute in conformity with the two resolutions of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan of 13 August 1948, and 5 January 1949, accepted both by India and by Pakistan.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Zafrulla KHAN
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Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the
United Nations

