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Letter dated 30 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's letter of 9 March 1984 in regard to resolution 38/58 C adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the question of the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East and to convey to you the position of the Government of Pakistan, which is as follows.

Pakistan participated in the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, held at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 1983, and fully subscribes to the guidelines elaborated in the Geneva Declaration on Palestine adopted by acclamation at the Conference for a just solution of the question of Palestine and supports its call for an international peace conference on the Middle East to give effect to them.

Subsequently, Pakistan co-sponsored and voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 38/58 C, which endorsed the Geneva Declaration on Palestine and its call for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East. As a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Pakistan was also a party to the unanimous endorsement of the Declaration by the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held at Dhaka in December 1983 and by the Fourth Islamic Summit held at Casablanca in January 1984.

Pakistan is of the view that the International Peace Conference on the Middle East should be held without loss of time with the aim of achieving a comprehensive,

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just and lasting political settlement of the question of Palestine, the core of the Middle East problem, in conformity with the guidelines contained in the Geneva Declaration as well as General Assembly resolution 38/58 C. We fully support the preparatory measures the Secretary-General has undertaken in pursuance of his mandate under paragraph 5 of that resolution and it is our earnest hope that those efforts will lead to the convening of the Conference at an early date.

As regards participation in the Conference, clear guidelines are contained in paragraph 4 of resolution 38/58 C, under which all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, as well as the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and other concerned States are to be invited to the Conference on an equal footing with equal rights. We feel that, in addition to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Arab States named in the third paragraph of the Secretary-General's letter dated 5 January 1984 to the President of the Security Council as being directly involved in the conflict, other Arab States, which regard themselves as parties to the conflict, should also be enabled to participate in the Conference. As for the other concerned States, it is our view that, apart from the United States of America and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, which are named in the resolution, other permanent members of the Security Council, which under the Charter of the United Nations has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, should also be invited to the Conference.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. SHAH NAWAZ
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