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Letter dated 14 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose the text of a statement of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan issued on 11 March 1984.

I have the honour further to request Your Excellency to have the attached
statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under
items 44, 62, 68, 124, 125 and 127 of the preliminary list, and of the Security
Council.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Disturbing news have been coming recently from the Gulf Region which lies in close proximity to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. According to these news, there has arisen a danger of hostilities in the region involving the Armed Forces of the United States. Using the intensification of the military confrontation between Iran and Iraq, the U.S.A. which right from the beginning of that fratricidal war between the two countries had been fanning its flames, is talking now demagogically of the need of ensuring freedom of navigation in Hormuz Strait and the free flow of fuel from the Gulf Region to the world market.

Under the cover of this fabricated pretext, a great number of U.S. warships have been concentrated in the Gulf Region. These ships have begun intensive patrol operations supported by the air force of the United States in the area.

Apart from that, the United States has declared an extensive part of the sea and the air space of the Gulf Region as an area where "special regulations" for the passage of ships and the flights of planes would apply and has warned that it will use force against whosoever ignores these regulations.

Thus, the United States not only has trampled the recognized norms of international law which have been embodied in the Convention of Free Seas and Chicago Convention about the international civil aviation but has also harmed the interests of a large number of states who are using the air and shipping routes in the Gulf Region.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan points out that these acts of the United States are contrary to the international law and jeopardize peace and security not only in the region but also outside the limits of the region. In fact, these acts are a preamble for the armed intervention of the U.S.A. in Iran-Iraq war with a view to occupy oil resources in the Gulf Region which Washington has declared as areas of her "vital interests".

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Such actions clearly expose the militaristic policy of the U.S.A. aimed at exacerbating international tension and her claims to securing world domination.

The shelling by the U.S. warships of the defenseless Lebanese people had not ended yet when the Pentagon resorted to another adventure in South West Asia. Worth mentioning in this regard are the dangers arising from the plans of the U.S. military circles, that is of the use of the so-called rapid deployment force under the command of U.S. CENTCOM whose presence has been reported even in our neighbourhood.

The operational area of the CENTCOM encompasses many Middle Eastern countries including Afghanistan, i.e., the country against which the U.S.A. has launched an undeclared war since long and puts all possible stumbling blocks on the way to a peaceful solution of the situation around Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan vehemently denounces the adventurist maneuvers of the militaristic circles of the U.S.A. in the Gulf Region which undoubtedly can, in a way, affect Afghanistan too, and expresses its deep concern over these actions which signify open intervention in the internal affairs of the states of the Gulf Region and a gross violation of the rights and freedoms of their peoples.

Kabul
March 11. 1984
