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Letter dated 31 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative  
of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you from His Royal Highness Prince Saud al Faisal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, concerning portions of the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kabul régime, issued as document A/44/368-S/20716, in which accusations are made against my Government which are entirely false.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the letter from His Royal Highness the Minister for Foreign Affairs and my letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 72, 143 and 146 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir SHIHABI  
Permanent Representative

\* A/44/150.

ANNEX

Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia  
addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to document A/44/368-S/20716, containing the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kabul régime in which my Government is unjustly and rashly accused of sending regular troops and mercenaries, to use the terms employed in the letter, into Afghan territory, I should like to point out that, as you know, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, being a founding Member of the United Nations, has never in its history committed the slightest violation or infringement of international rules and conventions, but has in fact contributed to every effort to strengthen international peace and security, in keeping with its convictions and its traditional policy as a peace-loving country.

Given your knowledge, judgement and wisdom imbued with a sense of realism and impartiality as regards the true nature of events, you are doubtless aware of the evolution of the Afghan question and of what is actually happening in that regard.

Cognizant of your role, my Government wishes to reaffirm unhesitatingly and clearly that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has never sent a single Saudi national or a single member of its armed forces to participate in the combat taking place in Afghan territory, even though it is fully convinced of the justness of that cause because it is likewise convinced that its brother Afghan people is capable of choosing the régime it desires, in accordance with the decisions of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference. My Government therefore vehemently denies and categorically rejects the accusations contained in the aforementioned document.

It should be noted that my Government, in the context of international co-operation, will continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 3 million Afghan refugees who have been driven from their country for reasons known to all the world.

I am certain that you will find that this letter constitutes a refutation of all the allegations made against the Government of my country, which has always abided by its role and its responsibilities in the international sphere.

(Signed) Saud al Faisal  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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