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Letter dated 27 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by  
His Excellency Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, concerning the  
alarming escalation of violations of Pakistan territory by Afghan aircraft and  
artillery.

I request Your Excellency to have this letter circulated as a document of the  
General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security  
Council.

(Signed) S. SHAH NAWAZ  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 23 August 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Pakistan to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York has already informed you about the incidents of grave violations of Pakistan territory and air space from the Afghanistan side occurring in rapid succession on 13, 14, 18, 19, 21 and 23 August 1984. These involved bombardment and shelling of border villages inside Pakistan territory by aircraft and artillery from the Afghan side and resulted in the loss of 51 innocent lives, numerous other casualties and considerable damage to property.

Your Excellency has also been kept informed of past acts of unprovoked aggression and violation of Pakistan territory and air space and the resultant damage to life and property. Our purpose in doing so was to keep you and through you the international community informed of the dangers that such incidents posed to global peace and security.

Pakistan has consistently warned the Kabul authorities of the grave consequences that could result from a continuation of these incidents. It has, however, exercised restraint and patience in the face of these frequent attacks in the hope that Pakistan's warnings and the expression of international concern about Kabul's aggressive acts would serve to restrain the Kabul authorities from pursuing this dangerous course.

These hopes have been belied by the latest escalations. It seems that the Kabul authorities, having been frustrated in their efforts to contain the conflict raging inside Afghanistan, are deliberately seeking an external diversion.

Along with the overwhelming majority of the membership of the United Nations, which has supported General Assembly resolutions adopted under agenda item "The Situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security", Pakistan believes that the essential condition for a just and honourable solution of the Afghanistan crisis is the withdrawal of the foreign troops from that country. Consistent with the principles set out in the General Assembly resolutions and motivated by an abiding commitment to peace and stability in our region, Pakistan has supported every international endeavour for resolving the Afghanistan problem. Pakistan has extended its unstinted co-operation to the diplomatic process initiated under Your Excellency's good offices and to the effort to promote a comprehensive settlement.

The fact that the Kabul authorities have chosen to escalate acts of aggression on the eve of the talks in Geneva raises doubts about the sincerity with which they are approaching the search for a just and comprehensive settlement. The Government of Pakistan earnestly hopes that, in the interest of progress in the diplomatic process and for the preservation of global peace and security, Your Excellency will use your influence and prestige to restrain the Kabul authorities from their aggressive actions and ask them to desist forthwith from provocations and attacks against Pakistan territory.

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In conveying our concerns and in requesting for appropriate intercession by Your Excellency, I also consider that it is important to alert the members of the Security Council and other Members of the United Nations to the grave situation caused on our borders by the continuation and unprecedented escalation of attacks from the Afghanistan side and the consequent danger to international peace and security. Pakistan is determined to safeguard its political independence and territorial integrity and reserves the right to take necessary measures in self-defence, should the Kabul authorities fail to desist from their wanton aggression. Pakistan is confident that it will enjoy the full support of the international community in this situation.

(Signed) Sahabzada YAQUB-KHAN

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