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Letter dated 9 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly and Security Council document A/39/561-S/16774, dated 8 October 1984, and to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following statement issued in Islamabad on 9 October 1984:

"The Afghan Chargé d'Affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office today in connection with the protest lodged by the Kabul authorities with the Chargé d'Affaires of Pakistan in regard to the alleged firing from the Pakistan side upon two helicopters, flying inside Afghanistan, on 5 October.

"The Afghan Chargé d'Affaires was told that the complaint had been thoroughly investigated and had been found to be totally baseless. No Afghan helicopters had been fired upon by the Pakistan armed forces or from the Pakistan side of the border.

"The Chargé d'Affaires was reminded that it was aircraft from across the border which had continuously violated Pakistan's airspace and had carried out bombing raids. The Kabul authorities had been warned repeatedly that they would be responsible for the consequences of such activities. The framing of baseless allegations regarding Pakistani attacks on Afghan helicopters was a

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transparent effort at distracting international attention from the serious violations of Pakistan's airspace and territory.

"The Chargé d'Affaires was told that, rather than engaging in the fruitless exercise of seeking to mislead public opinion, the Kabul authorities would be better advised to refrain from violations of the Pakistan border and thus help to maintain a climate in which a political solution of the Afghanistan problem could be fruitfully pursued".

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

(Signed) S. SHAH NAWAZ
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
