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Letter dated 28 December 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the statement dated 27 December 1984 of the Ministry of Foreign Afairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

I have further the honour to request Your Excellency to arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security", "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States" and "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries", and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) M. Farid ZARIF Ambassador Permanent Representative

ANNEX

STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS 27 December 1984

"Since some time the aggressive military forces of Pakistan, on the instructions of the authorities of Islamabad regime, have resorted to a series of aggressions and armed provocations along the frontiers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and during the last two months alone, brought the territory of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan 19 times under the fire of their heavy and long-range weapons. Parallel to these aggressions and provocations, the Pakistani authorities have extensively launched a demagogical hue and cry that the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan have allegedly conducted air raids against some areas on the Pakistani territory.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has protested promptly to the Government of Pakistan over these armed aggressions and hostile provocations and has also informed our dear compatriots, the United Nations Organization and the world public opinion of these recent plots which constitute a new dimension of the undeclared war of international imperialism, hegemonism and reaction of the region through the militarist regime of Pakistan.

"The people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the peace-loving humanity throughout the world are fully aware that the imperialist intrigues against our country which are designed in Washington and Peking are implemented by the ruling regime in Islamabad. The new series of aggressions and armed provocations by Pakistan along the frontiers of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan that takes place together with the continuously increasing dispatch of counter-revolutionary guns into the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is also a result of the despair and hopelessness of imperialist, hegemonist and reactionary circles caused by the failure of their machinations to slow down the process of revolutionary changes in our country. These hostile actions are also related directly to the approaching of the new round of Geneva negotiations, for the experiences of the past have shown that on the eve of the Geneva negotiations, the Government of Pakistan has always resorted to a series of concrete actions aimed at escalating the situation and disturbing the atmosphere of negotiations.

"In the same vein, the dissemination of unbridled rumors and the levelling of illusory and baseless charges in connection with the so-called raids of Afghan aircraft on Pakistani soil

have no other purpose but to cover up naked aggressions and hostile provocations of Pakistan itself against the territory of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. It is obvious that Pakistan wants to find a pretext for acquiring ever larger quantities of the most modern offensive and destructive weapons by adducing to the imaginary tale of threat from Afghanistan, and would like to turn Pakistan into a gunpowder depot - the explosion of which will expose not only the countries surrounding Pakistan but the whole region to a seriously fatal threat.

"People of the world have realized the essence of this propagandistic ploy and have become aware that Pakistan with its repeated aggressions and provocations is making efforts to exhaust the patience and tolerance of Afghanistan and to force the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan into taking reciprocal actions, and then by playing the role of a victim before the world public, point to Afghanistan as the cause of increased tension and the prolonged non-settlement of the situation around our country, especially at the time when another round of Geneva negotiations draws closer. These hostile actions of Pakistan are in stark contradiction with that country's pretense in the international gatherings of having a desire for achieving a political solution to the situation around Afghanistan and for progress in the negotiations in this field.

"The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan once again points out that our Fundamental Principles are based on strengthening peace and peaceful co-existence, where there is no room whatsoever for aggression and whipping up of tensions. However, in the event that aggression and hostile provocations from Pakistanisoil against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan continue to persist, the people of Afghanistan, who have risen in the defence of the achievements of their revolution, are determined to give a crushing response to any form of conspiracy and aggression against national sovereignty and territorial integrity of their country.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan declares that Pakistan must, as soon as possible, put an end to the series of its frontier armed provocation as well as armed interference against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and instead of whipping up tension in the region and unleashing of falacious and trite propaganda, sincerely step forward towards the settlement of the situation around Afghanistan on the basis of constructive proposals of 14 May 1980 and 24 August 1981 through conducting direct negotiations with the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. This is the demand of the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and peoples of the region, including the people of Pakistan and peace-loving humanity."