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Letter dated 29 January 1985 from the Permanent Representative  
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Chargé d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan at 2 p.m. on 27 January 1985 and the following was brought to his attention by the In-Charge of the First Political Department:

"According to the information of pertinent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, on 19, 20 and 21 January 1985 shellings were conducted from inside the territory of Pakistan by various kinds of weapons, such as recoilless guns, mortars and machine-guns, on the residential areas of Barikot district in Kunar Province. These savage and irresponsible attacks have resulted in the martyrdom of 16 persons, including women and children, and considerable damage to the dwellings of the innocent population of that area. Likewise, as a consequence of these repeated attacks, hindrances and

difficulties have been created for the transportation of prime commodities for the population and damage has been inflicted on two helicopters of the DRA Air Force that were carrying medicine and food items to Barikot. The damage inflicted on one of the helicopters was enormous.

"The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan vehemently condemns and denounces these inhuman aggressions and strongly protests to the Government of Pakistan over them, and points out that those in charge of the affairs of Pakistan must terminate this series of aggressions and provocations. The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan reserves its right to take necessary measures in order to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and will resort to firm and reciprocal actions if these aggressions continue, the heavy and grave consequences of which will be borne by the responsible authorities of Pakistan."

Also, according to another report, the In-Charge of the First Political Department has mentioned to the Chargé d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul that recently the Pakistani authorities, in continuation of their previous accusations and allegations against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, have once again claimed that Afghan aircraft allegedly attacked the Arando area on 21 and 22 January 1985.

The concerned authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan consider these claims of the Pakistani authorities baseless and void of any reality. While categorically rejecting them, they demand that the Pakistani authorities refrain, as soon as possible, from levelling provocative allegations and spreading hostile rumours against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and prevent the threat and danger of increasing tensions along the frontiers of the two countries that would be imminent in the event of further continuation of these hostile actions.

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 "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.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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