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Letter dated 4 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, in a statement made on 2 January 1985, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan said that:

"The military forces of Pakistan have once again, from 24 to 29 December 1984, conducted shellings on Barikot region in Kunar Province with the use of heavy and long-range weapons, e.g., recoil-less guns, mortars and heavy machine-guns, as a result of which, 11 Afghan soldiers and 8 civilians, including women and children, were wounded and considerable damage was inflicted on residential buildings.

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"In connection with these aggressions, the In-Charge of the First Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the Chargé d'affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul this afternoon at 3:15 and pointed out to him that, in spite of the repeated warnings and protests over the shellings and firing of rockets from Pakistani territory against the territory of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the Pakistani authorities not only have not stopped their hostile and provocative actions, but have also intensified them.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan once again lodges its strong protest over these armed aggressions and provocations of the Pakistani authorities and vigorously demands that the series of these aggressions be stopped immediately. Otherwise, the security forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan will resort to a firm and reciprocal action, the responsibility of which will be borne by the Pakistani authorities."

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.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
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