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Letter dated 25 March 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 2.30 p.m. on 20 March 1985 and the In-Charge of the First Political Department conveyed to him the following:

"According to the information provided by the pertinent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, repeated armed and irresponsible

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aggressions by the frontier forces of Pakistan with the use of heavy weapons against the frontier residential localities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan are continuing.

"As a result of these shellings, a number of elderly men, women and even children have been martyred. The residential areas of Barikot district of Kunar Province, in particular, have been subjected to atrocious shellings.

"During the last several months, the residential areas of Barikot district have 29 times sustained the aggressions of the Pakistani forces which were carried out by the shellings of various weapons such as reactive mortar ammunition, artillery mortar and heavy machine-guns. The most severe and cruel shellings took place on 19, 20 and 21 January 1985 and 5, 7 and 8 February 1985.

"Recently, Pakistani frontier forces once again carried out shellings on the Barikot district on 12, 13 and 14 March 1985. As a result of these shellings, during the last four months 27 persons have been martyred and 24 others wounded.

"Likewise, the Afghan border passage and control posts in the Torkham were subjected to firing of light weapons by the Pakistani functionaries at 5.30 a.m. on 8 March 1985. The same areas again sustained the shellings of mortars and heavy machine-guns from 6.10 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on 10 March 1985, which resulted in the martyrdom of three persons and the wounding of two others.

"After heavy shelling, a group of 150 strong supported by the Pakistani Government forces attacked the Afghan passage and control post in the Torkham on 14 March 1985, which was repelled by the frontier forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, as a result of which, one of the frontier personnel was martyred and two others were wounded.

"Likewise, at 10.30 p.m. on 15 March 1985, two border posts came under attack, as a result of which three persons were martyred and four others were wounded.

"The authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan strongly condemn these repeated and constant aggressions of the Pakistani military forces, the arming of bandits and their dispatch into the territory of Afghanistan to commit murder and destruction and the direct collaboration of the Pakistani militia forces with these bands of murderers and robbers, and strongly protest to the Government of Pakistan.

"Furthermore, it is to be mentioned that the Pakistani authorities must immediately put an end to their armed aggressions and interference which have endangered the peace and security of the frontiers; otherwise, the responsibility for the grave and heavy consequences of such actions shall rest with the military authorities of Pakistan."

According to other information, the In-Charge of the First Political Department pointed out to the Chargé d'affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul that:

"The Pakistani authorities, with a view to concealing their hostile actions and in continuation of their previous baseless allegations against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, have recently once again claimed that four Afghan aircraft have allegedly entered 3 kilometres into the airspace of Arando at 9.10 a.m. on 14 March 1985 and have dropped 40 bombs as well as fired several rockets on an area south of Arando which have not caused any loss.

"Likewise, the Pakistani authorities have levelled charges that on the same day, at 11.20 a.m., four Afghan aircraft and two helicopters have entered 1 kilometre into the airspace of Arando and have dropped one bomb and fired several rockets at an area south of Arando, as a result of which, one Afghan refugee and one Pakistani have been killed.

"The pertinent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, after thoroughly investigating these charges, consider them as groundless and malicious accusations and categorically reject them, and demand the Government of Pakistan to put an end to such fabrications and slanders which have no other result but aggravation of the situation in the frontier areas of the two countries."

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 items 72, 73, 132, 133 and 138 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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