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The Government of Afghanistan is a staunch supporter of the inalienable rights of people to self-determination. It has never failed to express its abhorrence of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations and all forms of alien domination. The Government of Afghanistan holds the conviction that the world's peace and security can only prevail through the full realization of the fundamental rights of mankind, the most important of which is the right to self-determination. To this end Afghanistan has supported the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Conventions on Human Rights and the pertinent resolution of the International Conference on Human Rights held at Teheran.

The Government of Afghanistan has also consistently defended the legitimacy of the struggle of the oppressed people everywhere, including the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea (Bissau) and Palestine, and the annihilation of the policies of apartheid and racial discrimination. The Government of Afghanistan shall continue to support their just struggle in the attainment of their rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Government of Afghanistan draws the attention of the world community to the fact that there are peoples who, without being allowed to exercise their right of self-determination, through colonial political arrangements, were put under the yoke of certain States which, though not classic colonial Powers, nevertheless pursue one of the worst forms of colonialism, that of alien domination. The Government of Afghanistan has always supported and shall continue to support the cause of these peoples in the exercise of their right to self-determination.
