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Letter dated 25 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On behalf of the ten States members of the European Community, of which the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is the current President, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a statement on Afghanistan, adopted at the ministerial meeting on European political co-operation, which was held on 22 and 23 July 1985.

I should be grateful if you would be good enough to issue the text of the said statement as a document of the General Assembly under item 28 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Statement on Afghanistan adopted on 23 July 1985 by the Ministers
for Foreign Affairs of the ten States members of the European
Economic Community

The Ten express again their concern about the situation in Afghanistan where fighting is increasing and repression is getting worse, infringing the fundamental rights of a people struggling to regain its independence and freedom. The Ten condemn the repeated bombing of the territory of Pakistan, which, by receiving three million refugees, is already bearing the heavy consequences of a foreign war.

The Ten, once again, called for the termination of the Soviet intervention, which is at the origin of the conflict. They consider that only a political settlement, which conforms to the principles laid down by the international community in the resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, can re-establish peace.

They support to this end the mediation process by the Secretary-General, which they anticipate will see rapid progress in particular towards an agreement on a time-table for the withdrawal of Soviet troops.
