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LETTER DATED 12 MARCH 1990 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In its resolution 647 (1990) of 11 January, the Security Council confirmed its agreement to the measures contained in my letter of 9 January 1990 (S/21071) concerning the arrangements for the temporary deployment in Afghanistan and Pakistan of military officers from existing United Nations operations to assist in the mission of good offices for a further period of two months. These arrangements will come to an end on 15 March 1990. My consultations with the signatories of the Geneva Accords indicate that another extension of the existing arrangements would not meet with the necessary consensus.

In the light of the above and having reviewed the mandate the Organization has given me to encourage and facilitate the early realization of a comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan, I intend to redeploy a limited number of military officers as military advisers to my Personal Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan to assist in the further implementation of the responsibilities entrusted to me by General Assembly Resolution 44/15 of 1 November 1989 and in particular its operative paragraph 10. The military officers will be detached temporarily from existing United Nations operations, with the concurrence of their respective countries.

I wish to take this opportunity, Mr. President, to place on record my appreciation for the manner in which Colonel Heikki Happonen (Finland), Deputy Representative, and the officers and civilian staff have performed their duties in very difficult circumstances. I trust that it will be possible for me to retain the services of some of the officers who have served until now, in their new capacity as military advisers to Mr. Benon Sevan, my Personal Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

