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LETTER DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to request that the communication dated 22 November 1979 (text enclosed) from Mr. Agha Shahi, Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed to Your Excellency may kindly be now circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Niaz A. NAIK
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 22 November 1979 from Mr. Agha Shahi, Adviser for
Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has been following with mounting anxiety the rising tension between the United States and Iran. We are deeply disturbed over the possibility of the use of force against Iran to resolve the question of the release of hostages being held by the Iranian revolutionary students, or by way of punitive action against the Iranian people.

Pakistan is a brotherly neighbour of Iran and, as a well-wisher of both Iran and the United States, is gravely concerned that the present dangerous level of tension between these two countries constitutes a threat to the peace and stability of the region and is fraught with the possibility of an even more dangerous confrontation, with incalculable consequences for the entire world community.

It is precisely in such situations that the United Nations Security Council, as the primary organ responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, is called upon to avert a threat of recourse to the use of force and to seek to resolve disputes or differences in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, through the procedures of pacific settlement as envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations.

My Government is convinced that the request of the provisional Revolutionary Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for a Security Council meeting to seek a peaceful adjustment of its differences with the Government of the United States affords a most timely and invaluable opportunity to the Security Council to avert the threat of military measures and ease the tension in the region.

My Government has no doubt that Your Excellency will be able to explore the most efficacious approach towards a peaceful resolution of the situation, by virtue of the responsibilities vested in you under the Charter of the United Nations.

I am addressing this letter to Your Excellency under instructions of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the deep conviction that a failure on the part of the Security Council to act immediately may well entail grave consequences for the peace and stability of the region.

(Signed) Agha SHAHI
Adviser for Foreign Affairs,
Government of the Islamic
Republic of Pakistan
