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Letter dated 23 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of the message addressed to Your Excellency by the representatives who participated in the high jirgah (assembly) of the frontier tribes, which was convened on 14 September 1985 at Kabul, Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

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 agenda items 72, 73, 131, 132 and 137, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Message of the high jirgah (assembly) of
frontier tribes to the Secretary-General

We the elected representatives to the historic high jirgah (assembly) of the Pashtun tribes extend our best wishes to Your Excellency who as the Secretary-General of this great world organization, the United Nations, has the responsible duty of preventing war and who consistently endeavours for the creation of understanding among the peoples of the world.

At this sensitive historic moment for the region and the world, for the first time in the history of the country, we have gathered at the high jirgah of tribes in the city of Kabul to take important decisions for the consolidation of peace and the defence of the frontiers of Afghanistan on the basis of the program of action of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the historic Loya Jirgah (grand assembly) of the elected representatives of the people of Afghanistan.

We declare with great satisfaction that the jirgah was convened in an atmosphere of freedom, democracy and full understanding. Following the decisions and messages of the recent Loya Jirgah of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan we consider it necessary to bring the following points to the attention of Your Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The victory of the April national democratic revolution in our ancient country Afghanistan has provided adequate conditions for the fraternal tribes and clans of the country to work for the creation of a blossoming society void of class oppression and national discrimination. All the tribes of the DRA welcomed the victory of the revolution, and the struggle for the implementation of the objectives of the revolution was started with the active participation of the tribes. They whole-heartedly supported the policy of our State. The humane and peaceful policy of the State of the DRA once again was welcomed by all the toilers of the country during the elections to the local organs of State power and administration. These elections became a decisive factor for the democratization of all aspects of the social life.

But from the very first days of the victory of the revolution, world imperialism, Chinese hegemonism and the reaction of the region resorted to savage aggression against our country through Pakistan and Iran. The military régime of Pakistan turned the Pashtun and Baluch areas into an arsenal of arms and centres for training bandits.

With the assistance of the military régime of Pakistan and the designs of world imperialism for shedding blood of Afghans, today there are 120 training centres for the Afghan counter-revolutionary bands on the territory of Pakistan. In these centres American, Chinese and Pakistani instructors as well as instructors from other countries are training the professional killers. The reactionary State of Pakistan, contrary to the will of the Pashtun tribes, has put their territory at the disposal of the Afghan counter-revolutionaries, who are supported by

imperialism, hegemonism and Arab reaction. Your Excellency is well aware of this fact. All along throughout history, the Pashtun tribes have been the real guardians of the independence and unity of Afghanistan. These tribes have always fulfilled their destiny-making role for the consolidation of peace in the region, being in the forefront of defence.

The military and war-mongering régime of Pakistan is implementing its aggressive plans which stemmed from the expansionist schemes of imperialism in the region and the world against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and peace-loving India, both of which are active members of the non-aligned movement.

The Pashtun tribes, who have defeated the Britishers before, today will also foil the expansionist plans of the USA and China and the devilish and dangerous schemes of Arab reaction, the reactionary régimes of Pakistan and Iran.

For the creation of stability and the consolidation of peace in the region and promotion of country-wide peace, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, reflecting the will of the people of Afghanistan, has put forward in the proposals of 1980 and 1981 to Pakistan and Iran objective and realistic ways of solving the problems through talks.

The DRA is ready for negotiations. The international prestige of the DRA, which is recognized by about one hundred countries, is on the increase. We attach great hopes to the results of the sixth round of the Geneva talks.

The people of Afghanistan are well aware that Your Excellency, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has an outstanding role in preparing the grounds for the negotiations, but imperialism and hegemonism are giving millions of dollars to the leaders of the counter-revolutionary bands to bribe Afghan fugitives to fight against their own people.

Pakistani generals seek their existence in the continuation of the bloody war and are infringing all norms of international law to obtain dollars, pounds and armament. Today the Pashtun tribes have fully realized the dangerous consequences of the war-mongering policy of the military régime of Pakistan and will struggle with all their might in order to prevent the conversion of their territory into a battlefield.

The Pashtuns and Baluches will not permit the bandits and murderers onto their soil.

Your Excellency is well aware of what goes on in the so-called refugee camps on the territories of Pakistan and Iran. A large number of the fugitives are kept in the camps by the force of bayonets, while these deceived individuals want to return to the folds of the motherland by availing themselves of the amnesty decree of the Presidium of Revolutionary Council of the DRA. The reactionary régimes and leaders of the bands are preventing them from returning, by the force of arms.

There is ample evidence proving this fact.

The deals which are conducted by Pakistan and Iran on behalf of Afghan deceived fugitives are against all humane norms. No sinister force should prevent the fugitives to return to the land of their fathers which is waiting for them.

The Pashtun tribes want peace and security in their areas and are resolutely and absolutely supporting the peaceful policies of the DRA.

We, the Pashtun frontier tribes, under the leadership of Babrak Karmal, President of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, this true son of the people and the hero of the political struggle, once again declare through you to all the peoples of the world that imperialism, hegemonism and the reaction of the region have subjected our tribes to a grave danger. The Pashtun tribes in their sacred struggle on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations are fulfilling their role and are looking with deep respect at your humane and honourable activities for the promotion of peace and security in the world.

We wish to convey the call of truth and justice of the high jirgah of tribes of the DRA to the representatives of the member countries of this international organization. We thank you for your endeavour for the promotion of peace and security in our region and in other regions of the world.

We are with you in the struggle for achieving this objective.

The Representatives to the High Jirgah of Tribes
