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Letter dated 28 December 1983 from the Permanent Representative  
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that on 22 December 1983 the Chargé d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and a protest, not the following unofficial translation, was handed over to him:

"Since some time aggressions and acts of subversion and provocation have been taking place from the military outpost on the Pakistani side of Torkham against the customs installations and other civil offices of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in Torkham which have each time been brought to the attention of the Pakistani authorities through appropriate channels.

"These instigations and hostile aggressions have caused human losses. The latest time when such an incident occurred and the Pakistani Government was informed of it through the Chargé d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul, was 23 Quase of the current year (14 December 1983). Unfortunately, not only the Pakistani authorities have not prevented the recurrence of such provocations and aggressions, but as reliable evidence shows, they have even further provoked these actions and aggressions and have intensified and expanded them.

"According to the reports of the pertinent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, on 27 Quase of the current year (18 December 1983), a number of bandits, thieves and highway robbers supported by the frontier forces of Pakistan and under the protection of Pakistani light and heavy weapons fire, including artillery, have raided on the customs house and other civil establishments of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in Torkham, burned the customs buildings and plundered their moveable assets. This incident has resulted in some losses of life and huge material damages and has severely disrupted the normal functioning of the customs, peoples' routine affairs and transportation.

"According to the latest information, shellings of weapons and artillery fire still occur every now and then at the Afghan side from the other side of Torkham.

"As it is observed, the Pakistani authorities might wish to give new dimensions to the interference, including armed interventions from their territory in the affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. If that is the case, the aftermath of such hostile actions will inevitably be grave and the responsibility for all dangerous consequences emanating from these interventions will undoubtedly lie directly on the shoulders of the Pakistani authorities. Such subversive actions and interferences are contrary to all established international norms and the Charter of the United Nations, escalate tension in the region and, if not prevented, would negatively affect the peace of the region and the world.

"While strongly protesting to the Government of Pakistan on the said interventions and incidents, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan expects the Pakistani authorities to deal with the matter with a sense of responsibility and prevent the recurrence of such incidents and interventions."

I have further the honour to request Your Excellency to have the above information circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled: "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and

security", "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States" and "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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