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Letter dated 14 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Chargé d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan at 11:30 a.m. on 13 February 1985 and the following was brought to his attention by the In-Charge of the First Political Department:

"According to the information provided by the pertinent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the armed and irresponsible aggressions of the Pakistani forces stationed in the vicinity of the territory of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan against the residential areas of Barikot District of Kunar Province, Bangash area and Chamkani District of Paktia Province are still continuing. As a result of these attacks and aggressions, which are conducted by various kinds of weapons such as reactive rockets, recoilless guns, mortars and heavy machine-guns, a large number of the local population and other residents of those areas, including women and children, have been martyred and enormous material losses were inflicted.

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"Such raids have particularly escalated during the last month. For instance, on 7 February 1985, an Afghan helicopter, which was transporting food items to the residents of Barikot, was targetted by bullets. Also, around 200 reactive ammunitions were fired at residential areas of Bangash on 5, 7 and 8 February 1985. According to undeniable evidence, the Pakistani militia directly participated and collaborated in the recent attacks on Chamkani and Bangash garrisons.

"The pertinent authorities of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan strongly condemn the repeated and constant aggressions of the Pakistani military forces, the ever-increasing arming and infiltrating of bandits into the territory of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan for murder and destruction, and the direct collaboration of the Pakistani militia with the bands of murderers and plunderers, and seriously protest to the Government of Pakistan over such actions. They further point out that the Pakistani authorities must immediately cease their armed aggressions and interferences which have endangered the security in the frontiers; otherwise, the grave and heavy consequences of them shall be borne by the military authorities of Pakistan."

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 the items entitled "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", "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", "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.

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