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Letter dated 19 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Instructed by the Chinese Government, I wish to state the following with regard to the letter dated 7 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan (A/40/120-S/16944) addressed to the Secretary-General:

The Chinese Government has rejected the note of protest dated
 January 1985 by the Afghan authorities to the Government of the People's Republic of China.

^{*} A/40/50.

- 2. The Afghan question is entirely the result of the invasion and occupation by foreign troops. The support by the international community to the struggle of the Afghan people against foreign aggression is justified and beyond reproach.
- 3. The allegations contained in the note of the Afghan authorities to the effect that China has intervened in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, waged an undeclared war against it, dispatched advisors and instructors to training camps inside Pakistan and transferred some of the camps to China's territory are sheer fabrications concocted out of ulterior motives and the attempt to confuse truth and falsehood, mislead the public and divert world opinion from its condemnation of the foreign invasion of Afghanistan, so as to extricate the Afghan authorities from the predicament of isolation.
- 4. The fact that the foreign troops have refused to withdraw from Afghanistan has impeded the implementation of the resolutions on the Afghan issue adopted by the past six sessions of the General Assembly and hindered a just solution of the question to this day. The Afghan authorities have now gone so far as to try to shift the responsibilities onto China and the other justice-upholding countries. Their acts of inflating the arrogance of the aggressors will be futile and they will only help expose further the nature of the Afghan authorities as a puppet régime.
- 5. The Chinese Government has consistently stood for the complete implementation of the resolutions on the Afghan issue adopted at the past sessions of the General Assembly, an early restoration of the independent and non-aligned status of Afghanistan and the determination by the Afghan people of their own destiny free from outside interference. The Chinese Government is in favour of a political solution to the Afghan question and maintains that the key to a political settlement is the total withdrawal of foreign troops from that country. This position of the Chinese Government is in conformity with the interests of the Afghan people and conducive to the restoration of peace and stability in south-west Asia.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under items 28, 72, 73, 131, 132 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) LING Qing Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China

