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Taking into account the fruitful co-operation which already exists between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. *Decides* to promote further the co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the political, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields and urges the two organizations to co-operate in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the determination of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to work towards finding solutions to the serious problems relating to international peace and security in accordance with its Charter and the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts to maintain contacts with the Organization of the Islamic Conference and requests him to further strengthen these contacts;

4. *Welcomes* the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations in the fields of common interest to both organizations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine ways and means of further strengthening co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and to submit a report to that effect to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

*63rd plenary meeting
14 November 1980*

35/37. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security",

Recalling its resolution ES-6/2 of 14 January 1980 adopted at its sixth emergency special session,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the obligation of all States to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of any State,

Reaffirming further the inalienable right of all peoples to determine their own form of government and to choose their own economic, political and social system free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever;

Gravely concerned at the continuing foreign armed intervention in Afghanistan, in contravention of the above principles, and its serious implications for international peace and security,

Deeply concerned at the increasing outflow of refugees from Afghanistan,

Deeply conscious of the urgent need for a political solution of the grave situation in respect of Afghanistan,

Recognizing the importance of the continuing efforts and initiatives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference for a political solution of the situation in respect of Afghanistan,

1. *Reiterates* that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and non-aligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem;

2. *Reaffirms* the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political and social system free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever;

3. *Calls for* the immediate withdrawal of the foreign troops from Afghanistan;

4. *Also calls upon* all parties concerned to work for the urgent achievement of a political solution and the creation of the necessary conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honour;

5. *Appeals* to all States and national and international organizations to extend humanitarian relief assistance, with a view to alleviating the hardship of the Afghan refugees, in co-ordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* of the efforts of the Secretary-General in the search for a solution to the problem and hopes that he will continue to extend assistance, including the appointment of a special representative, with a view to promoting a political solution in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution, and the exploration of securing appropriate guarantees for non-use of force, or threat of use of force, against the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of all neighbouring States, on the basis of mutual guarantees and strict non-interference in each other's internal affairs and with full regard for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States and the Security Council concurrently informed of progress towards the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to Member States a report on the situation at the earliest appropriate opportunity;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security".

*70th plenary meeting
20 November 1980*