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Letter dated 21 June 1990 from the Permanent Representative  
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a message from the Loya Jirgah of the people of Afghanistan addressed to you in connection with the political settlement of the issues in and around Afghanistan (see annex).

I have further the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 29, 71 and 144 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Noor Ahmad NOOR  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Message from the Loya Jirgah of the people of Afghanistan  
to the Secretary-General

First of all, we would like to extend the deepest gratitude of the people of Afghanistan, through the High Tribune of the Loya Jirgah, dated 28 and 29 May 1990, for your effective efforts in connection with the political settlement of the issues in and around Afghanistan.

In the light of the fresh developments in the world and in the Afghan society, expansion of national reconciliation and proposals received from various sources, the Loya Jirgah endorsed some amendments to the Constitution which pave the way for a broader intra-Afghan understanding and extension of democracy. The first article of the amended Constitution has enshrined the Islamic character of Afghanistan.

Moreover, the privileged position of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan embodied in the preamble of the former constitution has been omitted and political pluralism has been recognized as the basis for future political system of the country.

Principles have been set for general, equal, free, secret and direct elections, and the judges and the attorneys declared to be impartial and non-party people. Investigation has been envisaged to be made into the allegations levelled against senior State authorities. Those who themselves or their wives are not from Afghan parents cannot be employed in high military and civilian posts and as diplomatic employees, according to the amendments.

The sphere for socio-economic activities of the private sector has been broadened and the monopoly or control of the State over these spheres have ceased or scaled down.

Taking into consideration the national interests of Afghanistan, foreign investments are encouraged and the creation of foreign ventures, banks and educational institutions are allowed, favourable grounds have been envisaged for achieving the legal status of permanent neutrality and demilitarization of Afghanistan.

The Loya Jirgah supported the mechanism proposed by the President of Afghanistan aimed at meeting the appeal and demand of the Afghan people through the United Nations-sponsored general, free, equal, secret and direct elections; under this mechanism, a period has been scheduled for cooling down the situation for providing preliminary conditions for dialogue which include a referendum, a partial or complete cease-fire and return of the refugees.

With the start of dialogue, a transitional period will begin and will continue until a new elected government is formed.

In the course of this period, a national peace conference will be called and commissions will come into being for preparation of the elections and drafting the Constitution and the Law on Elections. A Loya Jirgah will be held to ratify the Constitution and elect the President.

Parliamentary elections will be arranged according to the law and a new elected government acceptable to all will be formed to take over the affairs.

A United Nations-supervised international conference shall be called to tackle the external dimensions of the issue and to reach agreement on a symmetrical ban of arms injections to all the warring sides, meticulous observance of the Geneva agreements, the legal status of permanent neutrality and demilitarization of Afghanistan, and search of international aid for the revival of the country.

Deeply convinced of the valuable role of the United Nations in the solution of the international questions, the Loya Jirgah of the people of Afghanistan deem it proper to ask once again, through you, a more active contribution by those who think about the question of peace and reconstruction of Afghanistan. The Loya Jirgah of the people of Afghanistan considers it befitting to express gratitude for the international economic and humanitarian assistance rendered to the people of Afghanistan under the supervision of the United Nations.

The new dispositions here in Afghanistan, which are the yields of the new responsible approach of the leadership and people of Afghanistan towards the country's destiny and the latest world developments, have kindled the hope for a genuine progress towards the political solution of the Afghan issue. In the same way, the growing role of the United Nations in solving the regional and world disputes convinces the world public on the political settlement of the Afghan question to the futility of the notion of a military solution.

The complete Soviet troop pull-out, in conformity with the Geneva agreements, as a realistic and correct combination of the policies and measures of the State of Afghanistan with Islamic values, national traditions and the contemporary world requirements, has succeeded in the best way to heighten the level of understanding, dialogue and negotiation between the State and the opposition.

Realization of the national reconciliation and presentation of concrete and practical proposals, mainly aimed at forming a government through free, fair, equal, general and direct elections under United Nations supervision demonstrate the sincere attitude and good will of the State of Afghanistan for establishing, immediately, peace and security in the country. As the highest manifestation of the people's will and determination, the Loya Jirgah believes that the State of Afghanistan, under the leadership of President Najibulla, will make efforts, in line with its honest and flexible policies for the implementation of the Geneva Agreements and resolutions of the General Assembly, for expanding the process of national reconciliation and a national dialogue among Afghans. The State is to harmonize its measures devoted to ceasing war and blood-letting in the country with the measures of the United Nations. The people of Afghanistan know well that the continuation of your good offices will speed up the solution of the issue.

Therefore, we participants of the present Loya Jirgah are turning to your endeavours for accelerating the search for a political solution and to help our people in ceasing the war and attracting international assistance for their socio-economic rehabilitation. A peaceful, neutral and demilitarized Afghanistan is in line with the interests and demands of Afghans, and all the world and regional countries.

Please accept the acknowledgement of the participants of the Loya Jirgah for your continued efforts concerning Afghanistan.

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