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Letter dated 7 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 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan lodged a protest with the Government of the People's Republic of China on 31 January 1985. The text of the protest note is as follows:

"In recent months, the armed and security forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan have seized a large quantity of Chinese-make weapons, including ground-to-air rockets and rocket launchers, reactive rockets, mines, light machine-guns, high calibre anti-aircraft artillery and assorted arms and ammunition during the defeating of counter-revolutionary bands in the suburbs of Kabul City.

"The facts show that these weapons have been used every time against the civilians, including the citizens of Kabul, and the result has been the killing of the civilians and destruction of economic and cultural projects.

"According to the available information, some of the counter-revolutionary camps have been transferred from the territory of Pakistan to the People's Republic of China. In these camps, Chinese instructors train the Afghan counter-revolutionaries in the use of arms provided by the Chinese authorities, as well as teach them how to carry out terrorist operations.

"In addition, Chinese advisors and instructors are working in the Afghan counter-revolutionary camps located on the soil of Pakistan. The mass media of the People's Republic of China have launched an extensive and hostile propaganda campaign against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Its objective is to distort the facts inside the country and around it, as well as to discredit the internationalist fraternal assistance rendered by the Soviet Union to the people of Afghanistan in their struggle with the enemies of revolution and the motherland.

"All these facts provide ample proof of the increase in the direct intervention of the People's Republic of China in the internal affairs of an independent and sovereign country and its active contribution to the undeclared war unleashed by world imperialism and reactionary forces acting against Afghanistan.

"In reality, there exists direct co-operation in the expansion of military aggression against Afghanistan from the soil of Pakistan between China and the U.S.A. and their Western allies, Pakistan and the reaction of the region. Such acts of the Chinese authorities are naturally contrary to their claims that China is desirous of a political solution of the situation around Afghanistan. It also causes difficulty in the work of seeking ways for a peaceful solution of the situation between Afghanistan and its neighbours.

"These acts evoke the indignation and hatred of the people of Afghanistan who have become the victims of armed intervention from abroad.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan lodges a severe protest with the Chinese side as to the hostile Chinese actions and demands that the People's Republic of China stop its armed aggression and other forms of intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, which are against the international principles and the existing norms of diplomatic relations between the two countries."

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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Permanent Representative