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Letter dated 9 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you a letter dated 5 May 1985 from Shah Mohammad Dost, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to Your Excellency, informing you of the establishment of an Afghan National Commission for the Observance of the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations and the commemoration of the International Year of Peace.

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 items 27, 39, 72, 132, and 133 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan

I have the honour to inform you that pursuant to decision 39/425 of 17 December 1984 and resolution 39/10 of 8 November 1984 of the United Nations General Assembly and in conformity with its firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, particularly the consolidation of international peace and security and safe-guarding the succeeding generations from the scourge of war, the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has decided to establish an Afghan National Commission for the Observance of the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations and the Commemoration of the International Year of Peace.

The Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is of the belief that the world-wide observance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and the commemoration of the International Year of Peace will serve as a very positive factor in heightening awareness by the world public opinion of the grave dangers inherent in the imperialist policy of escalating the arms race, first and foremost in its nuclear aspect. It will also serve as a valuable opportunity to give impetus to the efforts of peace- and justice-loving nations and States to defuse international tension, avert the threat of nuclear war and promote international co-operation.

In his keynote address to the Loya Jirgah (Grand National Assembly) on 23 April 1985, Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and President of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan stated that, "With the victory of the April Revolution the foreign policy of our country was reformulated on the basis of ... undeviating respect for, and strict compliance with, the Charter of the United Nations. The April Revolution is an inalienable component of the world revolutionary process, and as such, is in need of favourable international conditions, namely the establishment of a durable peace in the world, and in the region in order to achieve its objectives."

This year our people, together with other peoples of the world, are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the great victory over Hitlerite fascism and Japanese militarism, which paved the way for the foundation of the United Nations Organization.

The Afghan National Commission which will closely co-ordinate its activities with the Secretariat of the United Nations and similar national ad hoc bodies of its Member States, shall comprise the representatives of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the Revolutionary Council and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, all Ministries and State Committees, the National Fatherland Front and all mass and social organizations.

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A thorough Plan of Action shall be drawn in the immediate future, the content of which will be brought to the attention of the United Nations Secretariat.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

(Signed) Shah Mohammad DOST
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chairman
of the Afghan National Commission for the
Observance of the 40th Anniversary of the
United Nations and Commemoration of the
International Year of Peace

