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Letter dated 8 September 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.**
of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit an open letter to you from the Bakhtar
Information **Agency**.

Furthermore, I have the honour to request the circulation of this open letter
as a document of the General Assembly, under items 61, 70, 71, 127, 132 and 136 of
the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Ebrahim **NENGRAHARY**
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ANNEX

Open letter from the Bakhtar Information Agency
to the Secretary-General

In the name of peace, for the protection of which the United Nations has been created and in this year which has been declared as the International Year of Peace, we would like to draw your attention to the violations of the Charter of the United Nations perpetrated by reaction, imperialism and its local subservients in the undeclared war against our people.

With the passage of time, this imposed war of imperialism against our people is getting more brutal and bestial. The dimension of this war has been expanded to the level that our most fundamental rights, the right to life and the right of existence of the human race, are being violated. In particular, United States imperialism is disregarding with impunity all norms of morality and international conduct and is resorting to the use of all types of weapons in a manner as if it is not familiar with civilization of the twentieth century,

Imperialism, by trampling upon the principles and norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, tries to divert us from the path we have chosen. To achieve this goal it resorts to various methods of warfare, allocation of large sums of money for weapons, plots and conspiracy. The aggressors, in violation of the 1925 Geneva Protocol, have used chemical weapons against our people on several occasions. They continuously put the most modern chemical weapons at the disposal of the counter-revolutionary bands and in contravention of all irrefutable facts, they shamelessly claim that the Afghan army is using chemical weapons.

The use of the chemical weapons by the bandits have resulted in great loss of human lives and irreparable psychological damages. The lackeys of the CIA have poisoned the schoolchildren on several occasions, which in only one instance resulted in the death of 14 schoolgirls.

Sometime ago, our frontier forces stopped a truck that had entered Afghanistan from Iran. The truck was carrying a large amount of deadly chemical weapons. These chemical weapons were put on display to local and foreign journalists. The timely confiscation of these weapons prevented great catastrophes in Herat and other parts of our country.

The Bakhtar Information Agency brings to your attention that during the large military operations that were conducted by our armed forces in Kohat, Panjshir, Wardak, Herat and in the vicinity of Kabul, a considerable amount of the most modern chemical weapons deployed in mortar shells, various types of ammunition and various types of hand grenades were seized. These weapons were made in the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, France and England.

Handing modern and sophisticated chemical weapons to the Afghan counter-revolution by the enemies of the revolution of Afghanistan is causing ever greater concern among the people of Afghanistan, more so because the existence of

American- and French-made gas masks, which were included among the confiscated materials, show the high level of technical preparedness of the counter-revolution in the use of chemical weapons, which is a source of great concern.

The enemies want to bring the chemical weapons to the areas that are highly populated.

The social organizations and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan have attracted the world public opinion. On several occasions in Kabul, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the weapons, including chemical weapons confiscated from the counter-revolution, have been put on display to local and foreign journalists during press conferences.

There are ample documentary films and pictures on the matter.

These facts clearly prove that the real enemies of our revolution and people are launching an undeclared war from the other side of the frontiers and that the aggression against our people is instigated from abroad,

In the present circumstances, when the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has initiated national reconciliation and when practical and concrete steps have been taken for this purpose, the use of modern chemical weapons and the sinister provocations sow the seed of animosity and distrust among the people.

Taking into consideration the present facts, it can be seen precisely who the friends of our people are that are trying to solve the situation around Afghanistan and who is creating obstacles on this path.

The people of Afghanistan know very well that the United Nations is exerting great efforts for solving the situation around Afghanistan. Similarly, our people are well aware of the noble efforts of your personal representative, Mr. Diego Cordovez, in this regard. Taking into consideration your good will, aimed at solving the complex situation in our region, keeping in mind the policies of the United Nations, and on the basis of the Geneva Protocol, we are condemning the brutal and provocative acts, especially the use of chemical weapons by instigators of the undeclared reactionary and imperialist war against our country.

We would like to ask the United Nations to circulate this letter as an official document and we further hope that the United Nations, as the most prestigious organization, would condemn these provocations and the criminal acts of those who are posing great threats to the peace and tranquillity of the people of our region.