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## COMMUNICATION OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1999 RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

The text of a letter dated 27 September 1999 which the Director General has received from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan is - as requested - reproduced for the attention of the General Conference.

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“I have the honour to state hereby, following receipt of a note by the Agency dated 1999-09-03, with deepest regret, the inability of the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan in meeting its financial obligations to the Agency.

“The noncompliance to the IAEA statute is blamed on the continuation of the devastating war, coupled with the aggression backed by thousands of military, paramilitary and terrorists, designed and aimed at earning Pakistan the strategic depth it is after.

“The destructive war not only seems neverending but also has created new dimensions, placing in grave jeopardy to all aspects of Afghan existence including territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of the country.

“Given the present situation in the country, in light of the last sentence in paragraph A of the Article XIX of the IAEA statute, Afghanistan deserves to be able to practise its voting right. Therefore, I kindly request you, Excellency, for restoration of Afghanistan’s right to vote till it is able to enjoy freedom and peace and is integrated back to the international community and finally is able to meet its commitments.”

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