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To: Professor Dorothy Hodgkin  
President of Pugwash Conferences  
From: The Group of Asian participants

Dear President,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the group of Asian participants in this conference. We met together to discuss the Pugwashites from Asia to be nominated on the Pugwash Council for the quinquennium (1977-1982) and reached the following consensus:

1. The aim of the Pugwash Movement must be to create lasting peace on our earth. This is the focus of our concern. Disarmament and development are both urgent problems but they are only the first steps on the road to attaining this goal of ours.
2. The existing and growing distance between the developed and developing countries and the potential for the so-called "North-South conflicts" are really dangerous to world peace.
3. The substantive issues relating to the emerging world order, some of which are different from the traditional Pugwash concerns, deeply affect the Asian continent and the world as a whole, and so merit greater and more sustained attention from the Movement, at the policy making level and through initiatives taken by Pugwash Groups in Asia.
4. We are also convinced that without strong intellectual contribution from the developing countries within Pugwash we cannot achieve progress even in the area of nuclear disarmament. Twenty years of experience has made this amply clear.

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5. Pugwash is stated to be a Movement of individuals independent of their nationalities, ideologies, religions, etc. However, in reality the structure of the Pugwash Council has been reflecting the so-called international power balance.
6. To effect the steep improvement needed in such a situation we are convinced that Asian membership on the Council should be 4.
7. Asian nominations to this increased number of places on the Council are decided as T. Toyoda, A. Parthasarathi, M.I. Ali and M. Ahmed.

We urge the Executive Committee and Council to consider this proposal of ours bearing in mind that it is our unanimous view and one arrived at after careful and detailed consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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