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This dissertation is a study of the Soviet policy towards Indo-Pakistani conflict from 1966 to 1971. This policy was the outcome of the interplay of a number of variables -- global, regional, and domestic, over a long period of time. The study examines, among other things, the Soviet role in the Tashkent Declaration, the Bangladesh crisis, and the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. It assesses Soviet policy towards Indo-Pakistani conflict within the broader context of the overall Soviet policy towards the developing countries of the Third World.

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