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Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and
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The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/41/L.12 concerning agenda item 26 (A/C.5/41/26)

1. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said the Secretary-General had calculated that an additional appropriation of \$48,400 would be required under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. That amount was intended to cover travel and subsistence for the Secretary-General's representative on the question and the supporting staff.
2. The Advisory Committee recommended approval of that amount on the understanding that the additional requirements would be reconsidered in the light of such reductions as the Secretary-General might propose because of the current financial crisis.
3. Mr. KAMALUDDIN (Afghanistan) said that the General Assembly was once again being dragged into a futile debate on the so-called situation in Afghanistan. Over the past seven years the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan had repeatedly voiced its strong objections to the inclusion of that item in the agenda. It was clear to all members of the Committee that certain interests were creating an artificial issue and keeping it alive without justification.
4. The submission of draft resolution A/41/L.12 constituted open interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign Member State, in blatant violation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations. Over the past seven years his delegation had repeatedly pointed out, and was pointing out once again, that under no circumstances would it yield to any external pressure or bow to intimidation. In fact, the only way of contributing positively to the achievement of a comprehensive settlement was by avoiding propagandistic debates on the so-called question of Afghanistan. Adoption of so partisan and one-sided a resolution as the one being proposed could not lead to any logical and acceptable solution.
5. Even if the proposed resolution were to be adopted, it would be totally null and void and would place no obligation whatsoever on the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.
6. His delegation therefore categorically rejected the draft resolution as a whole and opposed the appropriation of additional resources to cover the expenses arising from its provisions. That did not mean that his delegation did not support the good offices mission of the Secretary-General, whose efforts to find a comprehensive solution to the situation had always been, and would continue to be, supported by Afghanistan.

7. The CHAIRMAN, noting that there had been no request for a vote, suggested that, on the basis of the Advisory Committee's recommendations, the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/41/L.12, an additional appropriation of \$48,000 would be required under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. That sum would be subject to any economy measures which the Secretary-General might propose at a later stage in the session, in the light of the current financial crisis. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to the proposal.

8. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.20 p.m.