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THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/35/L.12

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/35/L.12, concerning the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security, the General Assembly would express its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary-General in the search for a solution to the problem and would hope that he will continue to extend assistance, including the appointment of a special representative, with a view to promoting a political solution in accordance with the provisions of the draft resolution and the exploration of securing appropriate guarantees for non-use of force or threat of use of force against the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of all neighbouring States, on the basis of mutual guarantees and strict non-interference in each other's internal affairs and with full regard for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.
2. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, financial resources would be required to enable the Secretary-General to carry out the tasks requested of him in operative paragraph 6. If the Secretary-General were to appoint a special representative, the latter may be expected to envisage undertaking a visit to Afghanistan and neighbouring States.
3. Should such a visit take place, its duration may be estimated at from two to three weeks. The special representative would be at the Under-Secretary-General or Assistant Secretary-General level. His supporting staff would comprise one official at the D-2/D-1 level, one at the P-4 level and one at the G-4 level, chosen from the Secretariat. The special representative may be chosen either from among the

high-level officials of the Secretariat or from outside the Organization. In the latter alternative, a fee up to a maximum of \$10,000 might be anticipated.

4. Travel costs of the special representative and the supporting staff are estimated at \$17,000.

5. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/35/L.12, an additional appropriation would be required under section 1 for travel and subsistence in the amount of \$17,000. Should the Secretary-General designate his special representative from outside the Secretariat, every effort would be made to meet the additional cost within existing resources. Should this not prove possible, the necessary resources will be requested in the context of the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

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