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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/36/L.15

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/36/L.15 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 request him to continue these efforts 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. In continuing his efforts to search for a solution to the problem, the Secretary-General would envisage a requirement of possibly three missions to Afghanistan and neighbouring States, undertaken by his personal representative, who would be accompanied by two substantive staff members at the P-4/P-5 levels and one staff member at the G-5 level. Each mission may be estimated to have a duration of four weeks, of which one week approximately would be taken at Headquarters for consultations and briefings and three weeks on site and travel in the region.

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3. Since the personal representative of the Secretary-General has been retained on a consultative basis, the costs indicated below include his fees and travel, as well as the travel of staff for a maximum of three missions to be undertaken in 1982:

Consultants fees and travel	\$51,900
Travel of staff	<u>40,300</u>
Total	\$92,200

4. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/36/L.15, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$92,200 would be required under section 1 of the 1982-1983 Proposed Programme Budget for travel and subsistence.
