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Note verbale dated 16 December 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a statement dated 16 December 1981 of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

The Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has further the honour to request that the enclosed text be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

ANNEX

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
(DECEMBER 16, 1981)

According to the reports of the international news media the Israeli Knesset in December 14, endorsed a decision taken by the Israeli Cabinet to establish an Israeli administration of the Golan Heights. This move can not be interpreted in any other way but as outright annexation of the territory seized by the Israeli aggressor from Syria in 1967 and illegally occupied since that time in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations.

The Arab peoples, their friends and all progressive people all over the world were stunned by this outrageous decision of Israeli, war-mongering ruling clique taken in complete and flagrant disregard of the relevant security council and other United Nations resolutions related to the situation in the Middle East.

This step is as illegal and provocative as the Israeli annexation of Jerusalem more than a year ago and must be unequivocally and resolutely condemned. All the necessary measures should be taken to force Israel to abandon the attempts to annex Golan Heights or any other Arab territory.

While resolutely denouncing and condemning this new act of Israeli aggression, the Government and the people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan express their solidarity with the Government and the people of the Syrian Arab Republic in their heroic struggle against the Zionist aggression and expansion for the restoration of the sovereignty of Syria over the Golan Heights. The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is ready to support any effective measure against the Zionist aggressor including the application of severe sanctions provided for by the Chapter seven of the United Nations Charter. Afghanistan upholds the appeal of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Security Council to consider this matter as the most urgent one. The Israeli Kenesset's decision should be declared null and void and the full sovereignty of Syria over the Golan Heights has to be restored.
