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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/37/L.38

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 paragraphs 6 and 7 of the draft resolution contained in document A/37/L.38, the General Assembly would express its appreciation and support for the efforts and constructive steps taken by 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 present 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. On the basis of past experience, it is difficult for the Secretary-General to indicate in precise terms the manner in which the diplomatic process will evolve. It can be assumed, however, that the personal representative of the Secretary-General would continue the efforts initiated over the last 12 months through consultations and negotiations at United Nations Headquarters, at capitals in the area and, as necessary, at the United Nations Office in Geneva. It is expected that two missions to the capitals in the area would be undertaken during 1983, each of some two weeks' duration. The personal representative would be accompanied on these missions by two Professional staff members and one General

Service staff member. Experience has also shown during the last year that the absence of commercial air service in the area, and the need to undertake frequent trips between capitals, would require the use of a small aircraft.

3. The assumptions above lead to the following costs:

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Travel of staff (1 Under-Secretary-General, 2 Professional and 1 General Service staff members)	26 000
General operating expenses (including communications, local transportation, hospitality, etc.)	7 500
Charter of small aircraft	<u>85 000</u>
Total	<u><u>118 500</u></u>

4. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, an additional appropriation of \$118,500 would be required under section 1 of the 1982-1983 programme budget, as indicated above.

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