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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/38/L.17

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/38/L.17, the General Assembly would express its appreciation and support for the efforts and constructive steps taken by the Secretary-General, especially the diplomatic process initiated by him in the search for a solution to the problem and would request him to continue those 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. 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 two years through consultations and negotiations at United Nations Headquarters, at capitals in the area and, as necessary, at the United Nations Office at Geneva. It is further assumed that the level of activity including travel and the number of staff involved would be similar to those reported last year. In the circumstances, the estimated costs would amount to \$110,000.

3. It may be recalled that in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, the Secretary-General had indicated that no resources were being requested in respect of the situation in Afghanistan, noting that an item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly.* Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/38/L.17, an amount of \$110,000 would need to be appropriated under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985.

* See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth session, Supplement No. 6, para. 1.150.