
1. In resolution 1333 (2000) of 19 December 2000, the Security Council requested me to report periodically on the humanitarian implications of sanctions on the territory of Afghanistan under Taliban control. A first report, covering the first 60 days of sanctions under resolution 1333 (2000), was submitted on 20 March 2001 (S/2001/241), and a mid-term review was submitted on 13 July 2001 (S/2001/695).

2. Owing to the precarious security situation inside Afghanistan, the United Nations had to relocate its international staff on 12 September 2001. Consequently, the personnel and researchers assigned to monitor and assess the humanitarian implications of the sanctions regime imposed by Security Council resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000) have not been able to discharge their functions from within Afghanistan.

3. As a result I am not in a position to submit the report envisaged for the third quarter of 2001 on the humanitarian implications of the sanctions referred to above.