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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS;
REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol
and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons
convention

Programme budget implications of draft resolution
A/C.1/42/L.67/Rev.1 and Corr.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 41st meeting on 12 November 1987, the First Committee adopted without a Vote draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.67/Rev.1 and Corr.1. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/42/L.85.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified experts provided by interested Member States, to develop further technical guidelines and procedures available to him for the timely and efficient investigation of reports that may be brought to his attention by any Member State concerning the possible use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) or toxin weapon 3.

B. Relationship of proposed requests to approved programme of work

3. The above requests are related to activities referred to under chapter 1, Political and Security Council Affairs, programme 2, Activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, 1/ and in section 2B, Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, 2/ subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, programme element 1.6, Follow-up and implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and other legislative bodies.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests should be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would engage three qualified consultant experts to prepare papers which would cover the scientific, technical and legal issues related to the development of the guidelines and procedures referred to in operative paragraph 5. Upon completion of that work, the consultant experts would be expected to attend a one-week meeting in New York in 1988 to exchange views and draft a consolidated report for the Secretary-General. It is envisaged that the meeting would not require conference services. Appropriate secretariat assistance and support would be provided by the Department for Disarmament Affairs.

5. The Secretary-General would authorize payment of fees to the consultant experts, in addition to travel costs and subsistence allowance for the meeting in New York,

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

6. The activities to be thus undertaken by the Secretariat fall under programme element 1.6 of subprogramme 1 of of section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Accordingly, no modifications to that programme element are required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The additional requirements to implement the draft resolution are estimated as follows:

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(a) Fees (Three consultant experts, for a total of three work-months)	14 400
(b) Travel and subsistence allowance for the New York meeting	<u>10 000</u>
Total	24 400

F. Potential for absorption

8. NO programme element under any subprogramme within section 2A (Department for Disarmament Affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to implement the draft resolution.

G. Request for additional appropriation

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.67/Rev.1 and Corr.1, an additional appropriation of \$24,400 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr. 1) .

2/ A/42/6 (Sect. 2B) .
