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WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.53

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 44th meeting, on 16 November 1987, the First Committee adopted without a vote draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.53. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/42/L.79.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.53, the General Assembly would renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference.
3. By operative paragraph 6, the General Assembly would request the Ad Hoc Committee to hold one session in 1988 of two days' duration for the preparation and adoption of its report to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament.

B. Relationship of proposed request to the approved programme of work

4. The activities proposed fall under chapter 1, Political and Security Council Affairs activities, 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/. It should also be recalled that since 1971, the

General Assembly has annually requested the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its activities, most recently under resolution 41/61 of 3 December 1986.

c. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary preparations for and servicing of one session of two days' duration of the Ad Hoc Committee in 1988, including the preparation of all necessary background documentation.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

6. The substantive servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference by the Secretariat has been included as an output under programme element 1.5 of subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of section 2B of the proposed Programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Accordingly, no modification of the proposed programs of work for the biennium under section 2B would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.53, the related full cost of servicing one session of two days' duration of the Ad Hoc Committee is estimated at \$83,000. The meetings would require the provision of interpretation into six languages; translation of pre-session documentation of 2 pages (one document) in five languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish); in-session documentation totalling 30 pages (five documents) in five languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and translation of post-session documentation totalling 30 pages (one document) in the six languages of the General Assembly. The related conference-servicing requirements can be broken down as follows:

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<u>Pre-session documentation</u>	
(Two pages of one document in A, E, F, R, S)	2 000
<u>Meeting servicing</u>	
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	20 200
<u>In-session documentation</u>	
(30 pages of five documents in A, E, F, R, S)	25 700

Post-session documentation

(30 pages of one document in A, C, E, F, R, S)	29 900
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Requirements of the Office of General Services

	<u>5 200</u>
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Total	<u><u>83 000</u></u>
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F. Potential for absorption

8. These cost estimates are **based** on the theoretical assumption **that** no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent capacity of the Department of Conference Services and would require additional **resources** for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the permanent capacity of the Department needs to be supplemented by temporary **assistance resources** can only be determined in the light of the calendar of conferences **to** be approved by the General **Assembly**. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.6 of the **proposed programme budget, 3/** the 1988-1989 requirements under **temporary assistance for** meetings have been estimated on the basis of a five-year average of **appropriations** and actual expenditure for the period **1982-1986**, and included in the Z&rotary-General's initial estimates. In other words, provision has been made in the proposed programme budget not **only** for meetings known **at** the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be **authorized** subsequently, provided that the number and **distribution of meetings** and conferences in the next biennium **is** consistent with the pattern experienced over the past **five years**. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional cost would **be incurred** under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 as **a result of** the **adoption of** draft resolution **A/C.1/42/L.53**.

Notes

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

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

3/ A/42/6 (Section 29) .
