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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/43/L.11/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. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 38th meeting, held on 15 November 1988, the First Committee adopted without a vote draft resolution A/C.1/43/L.11/Rev.1 and Corr.1. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/43/L.76.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/43/L.11/Rev.1 and Corr.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to undertake a study on effective and verifiable measures which would facilitate the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, taking into account the circumstances and characteristics of the Middle East, as well as views and suggestions of the parties of the region, and to submit the study to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.
3. In operative paragraph 9, the General Assembly would request the parties of the region to submit to the Secretary-General their views and suggestions with respect to the measures called for in operative paragraph 8.
4. In operative paragraph 10, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its Forty-fourth session.

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

5. The above requests are related to the activities referred to under (a) chapter 1, Political and Security Council affairs activities, programme 2, **Activities** of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, subprogramme 3, Studies on disarmament, of the current medium-term plan 1/ as proposed for revision; 2/ and (b) section 2B, Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, 3/ subprogramme 3, Studies on disarmament, programme element 3.2, Studies and their follow-up, which covers the preparation for and execution of various studies requested by **the** General Assembly.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

6. Should the General **Assembly** adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General, in order to implement operative paragraph 8, would engage the services of three consultants. The consultants would prepare papers on the types of effective and verifiable **measures** that would facilitate **the** establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. The consultants would need to be highly knowledgeable about the circumstances and characteristics of the region and capable of expressing their own ideas for applicable solutions. They would also be provided with the views and suggestions received from **Member** States in response to operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution.

7. It is estimated that three work-months of consultancy services would be required. It is further estimated that the study would be completed in time for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

8. It is anticipated that the consultants would need to travel to New York or Geneva for consultations. Two consultations in 1989 and one in early 1990 are envisaged. The consultants would be reimbursed for travel costs and subsistence allowance.

9. Appropriate secretariat assistance and support would be provided by the Department for Disarmament Affairs in New York. Should consultations take place in Geneva, it would be necessary for a staff member of the Department to visit Geneva.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

10. The activities of the proposal involving the permanent staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs fall under programme element 3.2 of subprogramme 3 of section 2B of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Accordingly, no modifications to that programme element are required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

11. The **requirements** to undertake the activities contained in paragraphs 6 to 9 above **are** as follows:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
	\$	\$
(a) Honorariums (\$7,500 in 1989 and \$4,500 in 1990), and travel and daily subsistence allowance (\$17,500 for 1989 and \$9,500 for 1990) for three consultants	25 000	14 000
(b) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for one staff member to assist consultations in Geneva in 1989, if required	<u>2 600</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>27 600</u>	<u>14 000</u>

F. Potential, for absorption

12. No programme element under any subprogramme within section 2B, Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to offset the additional costs that would result from the adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/43/L.11/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

G. Request for additional appropriation

13. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/43/L.11/Rev.1 and Corr.1, the Secretary-General would cover the additional costs from extrabudgetary resources and therefore no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. The 1990 requirements would be treated similarly,

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1) and ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6 and Corr.1).

2/ A/43/6.

3/ A/47/6 (sect. 2B).
