Fortieth session
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67, 69 (c) and 116

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMS RACE AND
ITS EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY

REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE
TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: UNITED
NATIONS PROGRAMME OF FELLOWSHIPS ON DISARMAMENT

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION:
PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIA 1986-1987

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions recommended by
the First Committee in its reports (A/40/915, para. 8, A/40/946,
para. 26, draft resolution H, A/40/877/Add.1, para. 59, draft
resolution G; A/40/947, para. 8; and A/40/896, para. 8)

Sixteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has
A/C.5/40/52), submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the
rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the programme budget implications of
five draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee under agenda items 48,
61 (h), 65 (h), 67 and 69 (c).
2. The Secretary-General estimates total requirements in the biennium 1986-1987 at $4,726,000, as follows:

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3. As shown in table 1 above, total conference-servicing requirements under section 29, calculated on a full-cost basis, are estimated at $3,973,100. The Secretary-General states that these requirements will be reviewed and submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements.

4. Conference-servicing requirements (excluding preparatory activities) for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, estimated at $1,543,300, have been calculated as though the Conference would be
held in New York, where its substantive servicing unit, the Department of Disarmament Affairs, is located. The Government of France has offered to host the Conference in Paris, from 15 July to 2 August 1986. Under the terms of paragraph 5, section I, of General Assembly resolution 31/140, the French Government would agree "to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved", i.e., the difference between convening the Conference in Paris instead of New York (See A/C.5/40/52, paras. 9 (b) and 10 and annex II).

5. The amount of $1,543,300 indicated for servicing the Conference includes the cost, estimated at $694,300, of providing verbatim records for its plenary meetings (rule 36 of the provisional rules of procedure recommended by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference. [1] In paragraph 10 of his statement (A/C.5/40/52), the Secretary-General states: "It should be noted that, in the light of guideline 1 in the annex to resolution 36/117 D on control and limitation of documentation for special conferences and paragraph 5 and the annex to resolution 37/14 C on meeting records, the provision of verbatim records to the Conference would require the explicit approval of the General Assembly in a pertinent resolution or decision."

6. In paragraph 8 of its related observations on the matter (A/C.5/40/52/Add.1), the Committee on Conferences draws the attention of the General Assembly to "the fact that under the terms of existing guidelines approved by the Assembly, conferences are not entitled to receive verbatim records. Furthermore, established United Nations practice as reflected in rule 72.1 of the draft standard rules of procedure [A/40/611] now before the General Assembly explicitly states that 'No conference shall have verbatim records'. The Committee wishes to discourage the granting of exceptions to the guidelines governing the provision of written meeting records to conferences". The Advisory Committee shares the views of the Committee on Conferences. In this connection, the Advisory Committee was informed that no special conference thus far has had verbatim records. By paragraph 8 of its resolution 37/14 C, the General Assembly confirmed that "summary records shall not be provided to special conferences and their preparatory organs".

7. Should the General Assembly, however, decide, as an exception, to approve verbatim records, the Committee on Conferences believes that these records should be produced at United Nations Headquarters (see A/C.5/40/52/Add.1, para. 8). Representatives of the Secretary-General informed the Advisory Committee that, should that be the case, the full-cost estimate of $694,300 would not change. Nevertheless, the Advisory Committee expects that the production of verbatim records at Headquarters by existing staff should give rise to economies.

8. The Advisory Committee also questions some of the assumptions used to estimate conference-servicing requirements, on a full-cost basis, for the Conference and its related preparatory activities. In the opinion of the Committee, the number of pages of pre-session documentation forecast for the Preparatory Committee has been overstated (see A/C.5/40/52, annex I). The total number of 90 meetings assumed for the Conference, based on six meetings daily for 15 days, also appears high (see A/C.5/40/52, para. 9 (h))).
9. Subject to the General Assembly's decision concerning the provision of verbatim records for the Conference, the Advisory Committee trusts that, when preparing his consolidated statement of actual conference-servicing requirements to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General will take due account of the reservations expressed by the Committee in paragraphs 7 and 8 above.

10. The Secretary-General's request for appropriations is limited at this stage to $752,900 for non-conference-servicing requirements under section 2B ($675,300) and section 27 ($77,600), broken down by object of expenditure, as follows:

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a/ Fees, travel and per diem.

Ad hoc expert groups ($297,000)

ll. The estimate covers travel and per diem expenses, during the biennium 1986-1987, for 15 eminent persons attending a three-day panel meeting (A/C.5/40/52, para. 13) and for 24 consultant experts to attend 10 weeks of meetings of two ad hoc expert groups (A/C.5/40/56, para. 11 (b); and A/C.5/40/57, para. 12 (b)). The Advisory Committee notes that this estimate assumes full attendance at all meetings. However, experience has shown that not all participants attend all meetings scheduled, nor do they stay for the entire duration. Furthermore, an amount of $518,500 for ad hoc expert groups has already been included under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. In the circumstances, the Advisory Committee recommends that the estimate be reduced by $52,000, from $297,000 to $245,000.
Consultants ($163,300)

12. The estimate provides, during the biennium 1986-1987, for 16 work-months of consultants, as well as the preparation of five research papers (A/C.5/40/52, para. 11; A/C.5/40/56, para. 11 (d); and A/C.5/40/57, para. 12 (d)). It also includes the fees, travel and subsistence of lecturers for training courses (A/C.5/40/62, para. 8 (b) and (c)). The Advisory Committee is not convinced that full account has been taken of information available and the capabilities of staff in the Department of Disarmament Affairs. The Committee therefore questions the provision of consultant resources in the magnitude requested. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the estimate for consultants be reduced by $63,300, from $163,300 to $100,000.

General temporary assistance ($151,000)

13. Of this estimate, $149,100 relates to the request for 18 Professional work-months at the P-4 level and 18 General Service work-months for activities in connection with the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development. In paragraph 18 of his statement (A/C.5/40/52), the Secretary-General states that the estimate ($149,100) takes into account the redeployment of staffing resources in the Department of Disarmament Affairs resulting from programmatic adjustments to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in paragraphs 604 and 606 of its report. 2/

14. The Advisory Committee notes that this approach is consistent with that indicated in paragraphs 2 to 6 of the Secretary-General's statement (A/40/38/Add.1) on the financial implications of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. None the less, the Committee is not convinced that the tasks described in paragraph 14 of the Secretary-General's statement (A/C.5/40/52) justify the provision of temporary assistance resources in the amount requested. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that only 14 Professional work-months at the P-4 level and 14 General Service work-months be provided. The consequential reduction in the estimate would be $33,100, i.e., from $149,100 to $116,000.

15. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the estimate of $1,900 for one General Service work-month of temporary assistance in connection with the report on economic and social consequences of the arms race and military expenditures (A/C.5/40/56, para. 11 (e)).

External printing ($36,000)

16. The representatives of the Secretary-General informed the Advisory Committee that the estimate of $36,000 contained in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the statement in document A/C.5/40/52 was incorrect and should be reduced by $3,700, to $32,300. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the revised estimate.

Travel of staff ($28,000)

17. The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of this estimate.
Public information ($77,600)

18. In paragraph 16 of his statement (A/C.5/40/52), the Secretary-General describes those public information activities, in connection with the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, for which resources have already been included under section 27 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. His request for $77,600 in additional resources is detailed in paragraph 17 of the statement and covers the cost of a two-day international encounter for 12 journalists and experts ($56,000) and the cost of recruiting eight editor/reporters in English and French for press coverage of the Conference ($21,600).

19. In response to inquiries, representatives of the Secretary-General informed the Advisory Committee that for servicing purposes the Conference was treated as a major conference. The Advisory Committee points out that on that basis, according to workload standards of the Department of Public Information for servicing major conferences submitted to the Committee, only six editor/reporters in English and French would be required instead of the eight proposed. Bearing in mind also that in its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, the Advisory Committee has recommended inclusion of resources totalling $75,673,100 under section 27, the Committee recommends that the estimate of $77,600 be absorbed.

Recapitulation

20. In paragraphs 11, 12, 14, 16 and 19 above, the Advisory Committee has recommended reductions totalling $229,700 ($152,100 under section 2B and $77,600 under section 27). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolutions in question, additional appropriations in the amount of $523,200 would be required under section 2B (Department of Disarmament Affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. In addition, an amount of $30,000 (instead of $38,300 requested) would need to be appropriated under section 31 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a credit in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). The related conference-serving costs amounting to $3,973,100, calculated on a full-cost basis, will be dealt with in the consolidated statement to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

21. After pro-rating the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee in respect of ad hoc expert groups and consultants (see paras. 11 and 12 above), the requirements under section 2B attributable to individual draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee would be as follows:

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\[a/\] Financial implications in respect of conference-servicing only (see A/C.5/40/53).

**Notes**


3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/40/7), para. 27.11

4/ Ibid., para. 27.56.