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ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT STUDIES

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNium 1986-1987

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Revised estimates resulting from the recommendations of the Board of
Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
contained in document A/41/666

Fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and
Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has
considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting
from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute
for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (A/C.5/41/10). The recommendations are contained
in document A/41/666, section III of which deals with the activities of the
Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies acting in its capacity as Board of Trustees
of UNIDIR.

2. The statute of UNIDIR was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution
39/148 H of 17 December 1984 and is contained in the annex to that resolution. In
accordance with article VIII of the statute, the Advisory Committee, in early
September 1986, submitted its comments and recommendations to the UNIDIR Board of
Trustees on the proposed annual budget of UNIDIR for 1987.

3. In paragraph 33 of the report of the Secretary-General on the Advisory Board
in its capacity as the UNIDIR Board of Trustees (A/41/666), it is stated:
"In its review of the financial situation of the Institute and consideration of the proposed annual budget for 1987, the Board had before it a draft programme of work and proposed budget document prepared by UNIDIR and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In the light of the comments and recommendations made by the latter, and recognizing the serious financial situation of the United Nations as a whole, the Board made certain changes to the Institute's draft programme of work and reduced the proposed budget."

4. In accordance with articles III and VII of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees, in paragraph 36 of the report, recommends a subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1987 of $98,500. On the basis of assured income from voluntary sources of $329,259 (see A/41/666, para. 34), the maximum subvention that could have been requested according to the provisions of the UNIDIR statute would be $164,600. In this connection, the Advisory Committee takes note of the statement in paragraph 36 that "the Board considered that a subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations would be necessary, but, in view of the grave financial crisis, the level should be the absolute minimum of support needed to discharge the Institute's responsibilities imposed by its statute. The Board therefore recommended a subvention of $98,500 for 1987, but drew attention to the fact that restriction to such an amount would pose very serious difficulties for the Institute and its development."

5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it decide to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR for a subvention, an additional appropriation of $98,500 would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.