GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.19

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

1. In operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.19 the General Assembly would endorse the report of the Disarmament Commission, and the recommendations contained therein.

2. The Disarmament Commission in its report to the thirty-third session of the General Assembly recommended that "in 1979, a period of four weeks beginning 14 May should be provided for the session to be convened at Headquarters in New York". 1/ It further recommended that "verbatim records should continue to be published for the meetings of the Commission in 1979 ... Arabic should be included among its working languages". 2/

3. The Commission also considered that "at that session it might become necessary to set up a committee of the whole" and proposed "that preliminary arrangements be made to allow both the Disarmament Commission and the committee of the whole, should one be set up, to meet simultaneously". 3/

4. Based on the proposed duration of the Disarmament Commission session (i.e. four weeks) and on the assumption that

- two meetings will be held each day (see paragraph 6)
- interpretation and translation will be provided in six official languages

1/ A/33/42, para. 6.
2/ Ibid., para. 9.
3/ Ibid., para. 7.
the volume of in-session documentation will be 150 pages and post-session documentation will be 50 pages

verbatim records will be provided

the cost of the session will amount to $759,500 as shown in annex I.

5. Due to the non-availability of permanent verbatim reporting staff during the period proposed for the Commission's session the provision of verbatim records, particularly in Arabic, might create certain difficulties. The General Assembly might therefore wish to reconsider this question with a view to recommending the provision of summary records for the Commission rather than verbatim records. Should such a recommendation be made, the cost of the session will be reduced by $262,900 to $496,600 as shown in annex II.

6. The Commission has recommended that provision be made for two simultaneous meetings in order to accommodate the Commission and possibly a committee of the whole. However, it should be noted that during the period 14 May to 8 June 1979 owing both to the reconstruction programme and to the requirements of the conference programme scheduled under the calendar of conferences for 1979, which was already approved by the Fifth Committee at its thirty-third session, no more than two daily meetings, i.e. one in the morning and one in the afternoon, can be held. In particular, the session of the Commission would partially overlap with the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology, the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the UNDP Governing Council, which all require large or medium-sized conference rooms. Should the General Assembly, however, decide that two simultaneous meetings shall be held, it may have to indicate which of the aforementioned bodies will have to be rescheduled, which would then involve additional financial implications.

7. Under such circumstances, and excluding the additional financial implications referred to above, the cost for a session of the Disarmament Commission with four meetings a day, i.e. two in the morning and two in the afternoon, would amount to $889,100 or $1,043,800, depending upon whether summary or verbatim records will be provided. Details of these estimates may be found in annexes III and IV.

8. Towards the close of the current session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements will be submitted to the Fifth Committee which will indicate to what extent the costs in respect of conference services dealt with in the document can be absorbed within existing resources.

\[ A/C.5/33/SR.31. \]
9. In summary, therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.19, the additional costs will be as follows:

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5/ Subject to the additional financial implications as indicated in para. 6.
ANNEX I

Two meetings daily with verbatim records

I. In-session

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Total **759 500**
ANNEX II

Two meetings daily with summary records

I. In-session

(i) Interpretation (20 interpreters) 123 700
(ii) Translation, revision and typing (150 pages) 77 500
(iii) Reproduction and distribution 8 300
(iv) Staff requirements 8 200 217 700

II. Summary records

(i) Précis-writing/translation, revision and typing 237 300
(ii) Reproduction and distribution 21 200 261 500

III. Post-session

(i) Translation, revision and typing (50 pages) 15 700
(ii) Reproduction and distribution 1 700 17 400

Total 496 600

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ANNEX III

Four meetings daily with summary records

I. In-session

(i) Interpretation (40 interpreters) 247 400
(ii) Translation, revision and typing (150 pages) 77 500
(iii) Reproduction and distribution 8 300
(iv) Staff requirements 15 500 348 700

II. Summary records

(i) Précis-writing/translation, revision and typing 474 600
(ii) Reproduction and distribution 48 400 523 000

III. Post-session

(i) Translation, revision and typing (50 pages) 15 700
(ii) Reproduction and distribution 1 700 17 400

Total 889 100
ANNEX IV

Four meetings daily with verbatim records

I. In-session

(i) Interpretation (40 interpreters) 247 400
(ii) Translation, revision and typing (150 pages) 77 500
(iii) Reproduction and distribution 8 300
(iv) Staff requirements 348 700

II. Verbatim records

(i) Verbatim reporters 239 100
(ii) Translation, revision and typing 260 200
(iii) Reproduction and distribution 677 700

III. Post-session

(i) Translation, revision and typing (50 pages) 15 700
(ii) Reproduction and distribution 17 400

Total 1 043 800