Thirty-sixth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 42

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.54

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

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.54 the General Assembly, would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Group of Experts, to continue his investigations pursuant to resolution 35/144 C and to report to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

2. To continue the investigation and to report to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General intends to extend for one year the appointment of a group of four qualified medical and technical experts who were chosen on the basis of their specialized knowledge. The expert group would hold three sessions in New York in 1982 (8 to 19 February, 17 to 28 May and 26 July to 6 August).

3. Provided hereunder are estimated expenditures in connexion with the work of the group of experts.

   (a) The conference-servicing costs are based on the fact that at its meetings in 1981 the group of experts dispensed with interpretation in other languages. Pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of a total volume of 495 pages will be needed. The post session documentation of its last session will be issued in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish). The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:
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Pre-session documentation  
(80,000 words)  
17,200  

Meeting servicing  
4,900  

In-session documentation  
(72,000 words)  
12,800  

Post-session documentation  
(46,000 words)  
69,300  

Office of General Service requirements  
21,600  

Total  
125,800  

(b) Based on the assumption that the experts will be paid travel and daily subsistence allowance at the D-1 level and that the sessions will last for a total duration of six weeks, the related costs will amount to $49,000.

(c) The group of experts will need consultant services for a period of three months to assist the experts in gathering and compiling information and in the preparation of bibliography and other documentation on the subject. The related expenditures for fees, travel and subsistence would amount to $34,000.

(d) Should the Group of Experts be requested to continue its work, it may be anticipated that it will carry out its mandate in accordance with resolution 35/144 C. In this connexion, the following considerations may be made:

(i) The Government of Pakistan has expressed its willingness to accord the Group of Experts the necessary co-operation in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of resolution A/35/144 C; and

(ii) Financial estimates are given for two further on-site visits, keeping in mind the provisions of paragraph 5 (b) of resolution 35/144 C and the need to provide adequate financing for the group of experts.
The related costs of travel and daily subsistence for the group of experts and
the supporting staff (2 P-5, 1 G-3/G-4 secretary), for a total of 30 days will
amount to $92,000.

(e) Travel of the Chairman and the Secretary of the expert group for
consultations with chemical weapons specialists will involve travel and subsistence
expenses in the amount of $15,000.

(f) Miscellaneous costs such as laboratory analysis, communications costs and
other unforeseen costs while on mission will amount to $5,000.

4. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the
total expenditures required would amount to $320,800.