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FIRST COMMITTEE
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NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/37/L.52

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 paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/37/L.52 the General Assembly would decide to undertake
a study to review and supplement the comprehensive study of the question of
nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects in the light of information and
experience accumulated since 1975 and request the Secretary-General, with the
assistance of an ad hoc group of qualified governmental experts, to carry out the
study and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

2. To carry out the study the Secretary-General intends to appoint 15 qualified
governmental experts who would hold two sessions in 1983, of one and two weeks
respectively and two sessions in 1984 of one and two weeks respectively. The
sessions would be held in New York.

3. Provided hereunder are estimated conference-servicing costs in connexion with
the work of the expert group.

(a) The meeting of the group would require provision of interpretation in six
languages (A, C, E, F, R, S) and pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation
in the same languages of a total volume of 220 pages for 1983 and 250 pages for
1984. The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:
Pre-session documentation
(170 000 words)
(Languages: A, C, E, F, R, S)                             $118 300       278 900

Meeting servicing
(Languages of interpretation:
A, C, E, F, R, S)                                          135 000       135 000

In-session documentation
(60 000 words)
(Languages: A, C, E, F, R, S)                             $98 700       54 300

Post-session documentation
(166 000 words)
(Languages: A, C, E, F, R, S)                             $163 000      223 300

OGS requirements

Total                                                   $522 800      709 300

4. Provided hereunder are non-conference-servicing costs in connexion with the work of the expert group:

(a) based on the assumption that the experts would be paid travel and DSA at the D-1 level:

$89 600

Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance
for three weeks in 1983 (one one-week and
one two-week session) would amount to

$89 600

Related travel cost and daily subsistence allowance
for three weeks in 1984 (one two-week and
one one-week session) would amount to

5. One consultant at the P-5 level will be required for a total period of five months (two months in 1983 and three months in 1984) to research and compile the necessary documentation and to assist and participate in the meetings of the expert group as necessary, and co-ordinate the preparation of the final report. Associated fee and travel costs are estimated at $12,800 in 1983 and $17,200 in 1984.

6. The estimated conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 3 above are based on full costs, at current rates. The 1984 portion of the conference and non-conference-servicing costs would be dealt with in the context of the proposed budget for 1984-1985. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1983 is considered, it
will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at that time to what extent the cost of conference-servicing for 1983 ($522,800) dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.54, the total 1983 non-conference-servicing costs would amount to $102,400.