Thirty-seventh session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 55

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Military research and development

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.62

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 the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.62 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive study on the scope, role and direction of the military use of research and development, the mechanisms involved, its role in the overall arms race, in particular the nuclear arms race, and its impact on arms limitation and disarmament, particularly in relation to major weapons systems, such as nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, with a view to preventing a qualitative arms race and to ensuring that scientific and technological achievements may ultimately be used solely for peaceful purposes, and requests the Secretary-General to report 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 two-week sessions in 1983 and two two-week and one one-week sessions in 1984. The sessions would be held in New York.

3. Provided hereunder are estimated conference-servicing costs in connection 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 475 pages for 1983 and 1,150 pages for 1984. The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:
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<td><strong>Pre-session documentation</strong>&lt;br&gt;(252 000 words)&lt;br&gt;(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)</td>
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<td><strong>Meeting servicing</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)</td>
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<td><strong>OGS requirements</strong></td>
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4. Provided hereunder are non-conference-servicing costs in connection with the work of the expert group:

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

   $102 000

   Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1983 (two two-week sessions) would amount to

   $141 000

   Related travel cost and daily subsistence allowance for five weeks in 1984 (two 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 seven months (three months in 1983 and four months in 1984) to produce the required specialized material including the collection and analysis of necessary information for the expert group and assist in the preparation of the report. Associated fee and travel costs are estimated at $19,600 in 1983 and $26,600 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 ($634,500) 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.62, the total 1983
non-conference-servicing costs would amount to $121,600.