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CHEMICAL AND (BACTERIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.53

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.1/38/L.53 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the group of qualified consultant experts established by him, to complete during 1984 the task which has been entrusted to him under the terms of paragraph 7 of resolution 37/980 and submit his report on the work of this group.

2. To assist him in complying with the request referred to, the Secretary-General would continue the appointment of the six consultant experts engaged in 1983 for an additional period of two months in 1984. They would meet for a two-week meeting in Geneva and a two-week meeting in New York.

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

(a) The meetings of the group would require provision of interpretation in three languages (English, French and Spanish). The first meeting to be held in Geneva would require 50 pages of in-session and 50 pages of post-session documentation in these languages. The second meeting to be held in New York would require pre-session and in-session documentation in the same languages of 50 pages each. In addition, for that meeting post-session documentation of 100 pages would be provided in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:
Pre-session documentation  
(50 pages of 6 documents in E,F,S)  
28 500

Meeting servicing  
(Languages of interpretation: E,F,S)  
71 400

In-session documentation  
(100 pages of 14 documents in E,F,S)  
55 800

Post-session documentation  
(50 pages of 10 documents in E,F,S and  
100 pages of 1 document in A,C,E,F,R,S)  
133 400

General Service requirements  
16 400

**TOTAL**  
305 500

4. Costs other than conference-servicing costs would also be incurred in connection with the work of the expert group:

   (a) Based on the assumption that the consultant experts would be paid a fee at the P-5 level, the related costs would amount to $60,000;

   (b) Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1984 (a two-week meeting in Geneva and a two-week meeting in New York) would amount to $44,000;

   (c) Travel and subsistence costs for two secretariat staff members (the Secretary of the expert group and one Political Affairs Officer) for two weeks would amount to $6,100.

5. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated above are provided on the basis of full costing, i.e. on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available from within existing resources. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1984 as finally approved by the General Assembly. On that basis, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.53, an additional appropriation of $110,100 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence allowance of the expert group and of its substantive staff.