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Study on Concepts of Security

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.59

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.59 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive study of concepts of security, in particular security policies which emphasize co-operative efforts and mutual understanding between States, with a view to developing proposals for policies aimed at preventing the arms race, building confidence in the relations between States, enhancing the possibility of reaching agreements on arms limitation and disarmament and promoting political and economic security (operative para. 3), and request the Secretary-General to submit a final report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session (operative para. 5).

2. To carry out the study the Secretary-General intends to appoint 12 qualified governmental experts who would hold two meetings in 1984 (from 16 to 19 April in New York and two weeks in October/November in Geneva) and two meetings in 1985 (from 19 February to 1 March and from 1 to 12 July, both in New York). Geneva is envisaged as a venue for the second meeting of 1984 in the light of the decision of the General Assembly under resolution 34/401 which instructs that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

3. As the composition of the expert group has not been decided, costing for interpretation and documentation is made for all six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Should the actual composition of the group reflect a decrease in the number of languages required, this would result in a savings.

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4. On that basis, the conference-servicing costs for the 1984 and 1985 meetings of the expert group are estimated at $521,300 as follows:

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5. In addition, costs other than conference-servicing costs would be incurred in connection with the work of the expert group. They are estimated as follows:

   (a) Based on the assumption that the experts would be paid travel and daily subsistence allowance at the D-1 level:

   Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for three weeks in 1984 (one-week in New York and two weeks in Geneva)  $75 000

   Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1985 (two two-week session in New York)  $105 400

   TOTAL  $180 400

   (b) In addition, an amount of approximately $3,000 would be required for travel and subsistence of staff (one senior officer who would be the secretary of the group) to provide substantive services to the expert group in 1984.

6. Consultant services at the P-5 level would also be required for a total period of six months (three months in 1984 and three months in 1985) to provide specialized academic and political research expertise and to participate in the meetings of the expert group as necessary, and to assist in the preparation of the final report. Associated fees and travel costs are estimated at $20,900 in 1984 and $22,800 in 1985.
7. 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.59, an additional appropriation of $227,100 would be required under section 2B. of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence allowance of the experts, the Secretary of the group and for travel and fee of the consultant.