Fortieth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 69 (c)

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT:
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/40/L.69

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

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.1/40/L.69, the General Assembly,
having considered the report of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for
the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and
Development would, inter alia:

   (a) Approve the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory
       Committee; 1/

   (b) Thank the Government of France for its invitation and accordingly decide
       that the Conference shall be held in Paris from 15 July to 2 August 1986;

   (c) Authorize the Preparatory Committee to hold one or, if necessary, two
       additional sessions, each of two weeks duration, open to all States and devoted to
       consideration of the substantive questions included in the agenda for the
       Conference;

   (d) Decide that the second session of the Preparatory Committee be held in
       New York in March/April 1986 and that, if necessary, a third session be held in
       New York in June, taking into account all relevant factors including the need for
       minimizing costs and for adequate representation;

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(e) Request the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(f) Request the Secretary-General of the Conference to assist in the tasks provided for in paragraph 19 of section III of the report of the Preparatory Committee (recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the General Assembly), and to ensure implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20 (documentation), 21 (convening of a panel of eminent personalities qualified in the field of disarmament and development), 22 (appropriate information to the General Assembly on the preparatory process) and 23 (dissemination of information relating to the Conference and its preparatory work).

B. Relationship of proposed requests to approved programme of work

2. The activities referred to above would fall under section 2B, "Disarmament affairs activities", subprogramme 1, "Deliberation and negotiation", programme element 1.9, as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 2/ and subsequently approved by the General Assembly for inclusion in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, and which reads:

"1.9 Relationship between disarmament and development

"Output: Substantive servicing of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development (date to be decided). Other activities include: (i) Substantive servicing of an annual meeting of the focal points within the United Nations system on the relationship between disarmament and development with the assistance of economic departments, as appropriate; (ii) Co-ordination, within the United Nations system, of activities on the relationship between disarmament and development, in collaboration with the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation."

3. With respect to the dissemination of information, the activities are particularly relevant to section 27, "Public Information", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 under subprogramme 1, "Coverage" and subprogramme 2, "Information in depth", programme elements 2.2 "Disarmament" and 2.12 "Development: economic and social".

C. Activities by which the proposed requests should be implemented

4. The Department for Disarmament Affairs would serve as the secretariat for the additional sessions of the Preparatory Committee and for the International Conference. The Department would also assist the Secretary-General of the Conference in carrying out the following tasks as provided for in paragraphs 19 to 21 of the report of the Preparatory Committee: 1/
(a) In the light of the recommendation made in paragraph 19, to organize the business and timetables of the Preparatory Committee; to provide professional assistance through preparation of background papers, bibliographies and compilation of information and analysis relevant to the work of the Conference;

(b) In accordance with the recommendation made in paragraph 20, the Conference would have at its disposal documents and papers that have already been prepared on the subject and those under preparation. Moreover, updating of existing material would be undertaken as appropriate. In addition, a succinct document would be prepared covering each of the three substantive agenda items. A compilation of agreed formulations that would facilitate the task of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference would also be prepared. Preparation of a number of other necessary documents and papers, on a strictly selective basis, is also envisaged;

(c) In accordance with the recommendation made in paragraph 21 a three-day session of a panel of eminent personalities active in the field of disarmament and development would be convened in New York prior to the Conference. The panel would represent different regions of the world and cover a wide range of views, in order to channel its input for the benefit of the Conference into the preparatory process at as early a date as possible.

5. In addition, the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in co-operation with the Department of Public Information, would assist in the implementation of the recommendation contained in paragraph 23, which provides that due consideration should be given to the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the Conference, as to its preparatory work as appropriate.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1986-1987

6. As recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fifth session and approved by the General Assembly at its fortieth session, the substantive servicing of the International Conference on Relationship between Disarmament and Development will be included in the programme of work for 1986-1987 and thus no further modification would need to be made in that respect. However, no financial provisions exist in the Secretary-General's initial estimates for 1986-1987 for the preparation for and the convening of the Conference and its additional preparatory sessions. Consequently, provision has to be made for the related requirements in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.

7. Furthermore, pursuant to the recommendation contained in paragraph 23 of the report of the Preparatory Committee, modifications in the list of outputs under section 27 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 would be required in order to reflect the activities referred to in paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 below.
E. Additional requirements at full cost

Conference servicing requirements

8. It is envisaged that conference servicing costs would be incurred with respect to the following:

   (a) One or, if necessary, two additional sessions of the Preparatory Committee would be held in New York in 1986. Each session would be of two weeks' duration (10 working days), with one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon. Estimated costs of $604,900 for the first and $357,300 for the second additional sessions (see annex I for breakdown) include interpretation and documentation in the six official languages of the General Assembly;

   (b) A three-week session of the International Conference in 1986, with three meetings in the morning and three in the afternoon, including interpretation and documentation in the six official languages of the General Assembly. The related cost were the Conference to be held in New York is estimated at $849,000 (see annex II for breakdown);

   (c) A three-day meeting of the panel of eminent personalities to be held in New York with interpretation and documentation in the six official languages. The related cost is estimated at $50,200 (see annex III for breakdown).

Provision of verbatim records

9. In accordance with rule 36 of the provisional rules of procedure 1/ recommended for adoption by the Conference under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/40/L.69, verbatim records would be provided for the plenary meetings of the Conference. It should be noted that in the light of guideline 1 in the annex to resolution 36/117 D on control and limitation of documentation for special conferences, and paragraph 5 and the annex to resolution 37/14 C on meeting records, the provision of verbatim records to the Conference would require the explicit approval of the General Assembly in a pertinent resolution or decision. The related conference-serving cost for the provision of verbatim records for 30 meetings in the six official languages would amount to $694,300 (see annex II for breakdown).

Non-conference servicing requirements

Consultants

10. It is envisaged that consultancy services would be required in 1986 for the preparation of the following documents and papers:
One work-month of consultancy services to prepare a paper containing a bibliography of open literature on the subject of the relationship between disarmament and development.

Five work-months of consultancy services for the preparation of the three documents covering each of the three substantive agenda items:

(a) Relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions (item 8 of the provisional agenda);

(b) Implications of the level of magnitude of military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries and formulation of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures (item 9 of the provisional agenda);

(c) Ways and means of releasing additional resources, through international development strategy measures, for development purposes, in particular for the benefit of developing countries (item 10 of the provisional agenda);

Consultancy services to prepare some documents and papers, on a strictly selective basis. The broad areas to be covered by these papers and their exact number will be determined by the Secretary-General of the Conference in consultation with the members of the Bureau and the Chairman. It is anticipated that approximately five research papers would be required at an estimated cost of $3,000 for each paper.

Printing requirements
11. A booklet would be issued by the Department for Disarmament Affairs after the Conference highlighting its basic themes and results achieved. This booklet will be reproduced in English (15,000 copies), French (10,000), Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish (2,000 each) at an estimated cost of $18,000.
Panel of eminent personalities

12. Travel and subsistence costs for 15 panelists for a three-day meeting to be held in New York are estimated at $61,000. In addition in accordance with rule 38 of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference, a communiqué by the panel of eminent personalities will be issued in English (15,000), French (10,000), Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish (2,000 each) at an estimated cost of $18,000.

Staff costs

13. It is assumed that the planning and organizational stages for, and the holding of the Conference, would require additional substantive support estimated at 28 Professional work-months and 18 General Service work-months, as follows:

(a) Preparation of the substantive documents required for submission to the Conference and additional sessions of the Preparatory Committee: two work-months at the Professional level and two work-months at the General Service level;

(b) Establishment and maintenance of effective channels of communication with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other interested groups in response to the wide and diverse interest shown in the preparations for the Conference: two work-months at the Professional level and one work-month at the General Service level;

(c) Overall planning, organizational and administrative arrangements necessary for an efficient preparation of the Conference; substantive servicing of the Conference and its working groups, including pre-conference co-ordination within the United Nations system and the preparation of the documentation required for submission to the Conference (20 work-months at the Professional level and 12 work-months at the General Service level);

(d) Substantive support for and organizational aspects of convening a panel of eminent personalities (two work-months at the Professional level and one work-month at the General Service level);

(e) Completion of the report, including the finalization of its substantive text, its presentation to the General Assembly, and follow-up actions on the conclusions and recommendations of the Conference (two work-months at the Professional level and two work-months at the General Service level).

Public information requirements

14. In section H of its report to the fortieth session of the General Assembly, the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development calls for due consideration "to be given to the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the Conference, and to its preparatory work".

15. The information activities outlined below would highlight the goals and purposes of the Conference with a view to attracting wide interest and support for...
it. These activities would form part of the regular programme of the Department of Public Information, the resources for which are already included in section 27, "Public Information" of the proposed programme budget for 1986-1987:

(a) A leaflet/flyer will be issued as early as possible in 1986, giving the why, what, where, when and how of the Conference. This multicoloured leaflet/flyer (four to six pages folded) would be produced in the following languages and quantities: English (20,000), French (15,000), Spanish (10,000), Arabic (5,000) and Russian and Chinese (2,000 each). The cost of producing the leaflet, including printing and translation, is estimated at $12,000;

(b) A special 4-page supplement (in English, French and Spanish) of Development Forum will be issued on the Conference early in 1986. The supplement would be based on articles to be provided by the Department for Disarmament Affairs. The cost of producing the supplement in the languages mentioned is estimated at $17,000;

(c) Regular articles on pre-Conference activities would be printed in the UN Chronicle prior to the Conference. In addition, an issue of the Perspective series of the Chronicle would be devoted to the topics before the Conference, based on material provided by the Department for Disarmament Affairs;

(d) Radio feature programmes, in all official and other languages, including the Perspective and Scope series, would highlight the preparatory activities, as well as the outcome of the Conference;

(e) Screenings of films on disarmament and development such as The Big If, Boom and Doctor in the Sky, would be organized during the Conference;

(f) The television series World Chronicle would feature prominent personalities connected with the Conference;

(g) Information centres early in 1986 would endeavour to organize at the national level, information activities to publicize the Conference. The cost is estimated at $38,500;

(h) Two one-day United Nations/NGO consultations on disarmament and development would be organized in New York and Geneva at an estimated cost of $20,000. In order to prepare these meetings substantively and involve as many development and disarmament NGOs as possible, special documentation would be prepared and experts invited to attend the consultations;

(i) Press, radio, TV, film and photo coverage would be provided for the Panel of eminent personalities tentatively scheduled to meet for three days at Headquarters in early April 1986. Press conferences in connection with the event also would be organized, as required.

16. In order to respond fully to section H of the Preparatory Committee's report, the following activities would also be undertaken at an estimated additional cost of $77,600:

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(a) A two-day international encounter for journalists and experts would be organized by DPI immediately before the Conference. Approximately 12 media representatives from around the world would be briefed by experts during the two-day encounter and will be invited to cover the three-week Conference. The encounter would also be open to all journalists accredited to the Conference. The cost of inviting 12 journalists to attend the two-day encounter and cover the three-week Conference, of inviting three panelists to brief the participants at the encounter and of providing interpretation in English, French and Spanish, as well as other operating expenses, is estimated at $56,000.

(b) In addition, DPI would also provide full press, radio, television, film and photo coverage of the Conference. The cost of providing press coverage is estimated at $21,600 to cover the cost of recruiting eight editor/reporters in English and French for three weeks.

F. Potential for absorption

17. As indicated in paragraph 13 above, in order to carry out the activities related to the Conference 28 Professional work-months and 10 General Service work-months would be required. With the deletion of output (iv) of programme element 2.3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and approved by the General Assembly, 16 Professional work-months at the P-4 level would be released. 3/ However, six Professional work-months have been earmarked for the implementation of other activities provided for under new programme element 1.9, i.e. (a) substantive servicing of an annual meeting of the focal points within the United Nations system on the relationship between disarmament and development with the assistance of economic departments, as appropriate; and (b) co-ordination, within the United Nations system of activities on the relationship between disarmament and development, in collaboration with the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation. As a result, the remaining 18 work-months at the Professional level and 18 work-months at the General Service level in temporary assistance will be needed to supplement the existing resources. The estimated requirements are:

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18 work-months at the P-4 level 102 600  
18 work-months at the General Service level 46 500

18. No other programme element or output under any subprogramme within section 2B, "Disarmament Affairs Activities" or section 27, "Public Information", is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to offset the additional costs that would result from the adoption of the draft resolution.
G. Request for additional appropriation

19. The additional requirements which would arise as a result of the adoption of the above draft resolution can be summarized as follows:

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Section 27

Public information (para. 16)                              | $77,600  |

Section 29

Conference-servicing (full costing):  
First additional session of the Preparatory Committee (para. 8 (a)) | $604,900 |
Second additional session of the Preparatory Committee (para. 8 (a)) | $357,300 |
Conference (para. 8 (b))                                        | $849,000 |
A panel of eminent personalities (para. 8 (c))                  | $50,200  |
Provision of verbatim records for the Conference (para. 9)      | $694,300 |

20. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.69, an additional appropriation of $299,600 would be required under section 2B and $77,600 would be required under section 27 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraphs 8 and 9 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. On that basis, the first and the second additional sessions of the Preparatory Committee are estimated at $604,900 and $357,300 respectively. The Conference is estimated at $849,000 (without provision of verbatim records). Should the General Assembly decide to authorize the Conference to receive verbatim records, the related estimated conference-servicing cost would amount to $694,300. A session of the panel of eminent personalities is estimated at $50,200. The actual additional appropriations that might be required in that respect would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly.
Notes


3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38/Add.1), paras. 4 and 5.
Annex I

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

(NORTH YORK, 1-11 APRIL AND 16-27 JUNE 1986)

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Annex II

A. ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

(NYORK, THREE WEEKS IN JULY-AUGUST 1986)

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Pre-session documentation  
(150 pages of 10 documents in A, C, E, F, R S)  
188 400

Meeting servicing  
(Interpretation of 90 meetings in A, C, E, F, R, S)  
377 900

In-session documentation  
(150 pages of 10 documents in A, C, E, F, R, S)  
185 300

Post-session documentation  
(50 pages of 5 documents in A, C, E, F, R, S)  
63 500

Requirements of the Office of General Services  
33 900

Total (a)  
849 000

B. ESTIMATED CONFERENCE-SERVICING COST FOR THE PROVISION OF VERBATIM RECORDS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Verbatim records  
(30 meetings in A, C, E, F, R, S)  
694 300

Total (a) and (b)  
1 543 300
Annex III

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF A THREE-DAY MEETING OF
- THE PANEL OF EMINENT PERSONALITIES

(NEW YORK, 16-18 APRIL 1986)

Meeting servicing
   (Interpretation of 6 meetings in A, C, E, F, R, S) 25 200

Post-session documentation
   (20 pages of 1 document in A, C, E, F, R, S) 25 000

Total 50 200