Fortieth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 67

WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/40/L.50

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

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in
document A/C.1/40/L.50, the General Assembly would renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc
Committee on the World Disarmament Conference.

B. Relationship of proposed request to the approved
programme of work

2. The activities proposed fall under chapter 1, "Political and Security Council
Affairs activities", programme 2, "Activities of the Department for Disarmament
Affairs", subprogramme 1, "Deliberation and negotiation" of the medium-term plan
for the period 1984-1989. It should also be recalled that annually, since 1971,
the General Assembly has requested the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its activities,
most recently under resolution 39/150 of 17 December 1984.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would
be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General
would undertake the necessary preparations for and servicing of two sessions of the
Ad Hoc Committee in 1986, including the preparation of all necessary background
documentation.
D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

4. The substantive servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee of the World Disarmament Conference by the Secretariat has been approved as an output under programme element 1.5 of subprogramme 1, "Deliberation and negotiation" of section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. Accordingly, no modification of the approved programme of work for the biennium would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

5. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.50, it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold two one-week sessions in 1986 in New York, the first from 24 to 27 March and the second from 30 June to 3 July. The meetings would require the provision of interpretation in five languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish); translation of pre-session documentation of two pages (one document) in five languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish); in-session documentation totalling 25 pages (two documents) in five languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish); and translation of post-session documentation totalling 30 pages (two documents) in the six languages of the General Assembly. The related full cost of this servicing is estimated at $69,700 for the first session and $84,200 for the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee, as follows:

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<th>Requirement</th>
<th>First session</th>
<th>Second session</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-session documentation (two pages of one document in A, E, F, R, S)</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td>Meeting servicing</td>
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6. 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 1986 as finally approved by the General Assembly.