ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND ITS EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.535

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.535, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, with the assistance of qualified consultant experts appointed by him, a report on the economic and social consequences of the armaments race and of military expenditures.

2. On the assumption that the preparation of the report called for would require the services of twelve consultant experts, and that they would meet at United Nations Headquarters in New York for three series of meetings, the first of which would be held from 8 to 12 February 1971, the second from 5 to 16 April 1971, and the third from 23 August to 3 September 1971, and that it would be necessary to provide for in-session documentation not exceeding 800 pages in four languages and a final report not exceeding 300 pages in four languages, it is estimated that the related costs in 1971 would total $153,100. This would cover the cost of travel and subsistence of the consultant experts and the payment to them of fees for their time spent at sessions and between sessions at a nominal rate of $50 per day ($39,600), the recruitment of a team of eight interpreters for two weeks ($8,950), as well as the translation, typing and reproduction in four languages of 800 pages of in-session documentation and a report of 300 pages ($54,550).