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FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 35

RESERVATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE
OCEAN FLOOR, AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, UNDERLYING THE HIGH SEAS
BEYOND THE LIMITS OF PRESENT NATIONAL JURISDICTION AND USE OF THEIR
RESOURCES IN THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND, AND CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Administrative and financial implications of the revised draft
resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.586/Rev.1

Statement by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 15\(\frac{1}{2}\) of
the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Addendum

In document A/C.1/L.598, the Secretary-General set out the anticipated costs
of two sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean
Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction to be held at Geneva in 1972.
However, those costs were based on the assumption that the sessions would each be
of four weeks' duration. In the light of the statement made at the 1851st meeting
of the First Committee, on behalf of the sponsors of the revised draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/L.586/Rev.1, to the effect that the sponsors envisage
two five-week sessions to be held at Geneva, the Secretary-General wishes to state
that the cost of two five-week sessions would be as follows, based on the
assumption that the Committee would hold four meetings per day requiring
interpretation in the four working languages and that summary records in those
languages would be provided for only two meetings per day:
Temporary assistance

The following staff would have to be recruited:
16 interpreters, 28 translators, 12 revisers,
29 steno-typists, 5 secretaries, 16 reproduction/distribution staff plus other supporting

General Service staff $174,900
Post-session editing of documentation $16,000
Miscellaneous reproduction supplies $6,800
Travel and subsistence of 15 substantive staff members to be detailed from Headquarters $20,000

Total estimated cost for one five-week session $217,700
Total estimated cost for two five-week sessions $435,400