IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A
ZONE OF PEACE: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
INDIAN OCEAN

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/9629/Add.1

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 paragraph 36 of the
report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean 1/ the General Assembly would:

   (a) Endorse the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee for its future work,
as contained in paragraph 35 of the report of the Committee;

   (b) Request the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean to enter
into consultations with a view to convening a conference on the Indian Ocean.

2. The Secretary-General understands, in regard to the programme of work of the
Committee referred to in paragraph 35 of their report, that: the Committee would
meet at Headquarters for a total of five weeks in 1975, in February, June, and
September; it would require interpretation for Chinese, English, and French; there
would be two meetings per day, for which summary records would be provided in
English and French only; there would be no pre-session documentation, and
post-session documentation would total some 80 pages. Because of the full
calendar of conferences, the Secretary-General believes that it will be difficult
to provide services to the meetings from existing resources. The related
costs are therefore estimated at $65,000 as follows:

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session,
Supplement No. 29 (A/9629 and Add.1).

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Six interpreters (locally recruited) $17,000
Translation and typing $33,000 $50,000
Reproduction costs of summary records and post-session documentation $15,000

$65,000

3. In regard to the consultations of States with a view to convening a conference on the Indian Ocean, actual requirements can only be determined later, because of the exploratory nature of these consultations. The Secretary-General would therefore propose that, should it be necessary to incur commitments in this respect, he should do so with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with the provisions of the resolution and unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1974-1975.