Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A submitted by the First Committee in document A/7445

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 1643rd meeting, on 17 December 1968, the First Committee adopted a draft resolution on the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States (A/7445, draft resolution A).

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution G of the Conference (see A/7277 and Corr.1 and 2, para. 17) to appoint a group of experts, chosen on a personal basis, to prepare a full report on all possible contributions of nuclear technology to the economic and scientific advancement of the developing countries. The General Assembly would also, under the terms of operative paragraph 10, request the Secretary-General to transmit the report to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in time to permit its consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

3. The implementation of the above requests would give rise to additional expenditures in 1969 on the basis of the following plan of action:

(a) A group of twelve to fifteen experts, chosen on a personal basis, would be appointed for the preparation of the report;
(b) The group of experts would meet at Headquarters for two series of meetings the first of which would be held from 3 to 7 March 1969, the second from 16 to 27 June 1969;
(c) Interpretation in four working languages would be provided for both series of meetings;
(d) The documentation required for the establishment of the report would consist of approximately fifteen background papers prepared by high-level experts in the field of nuclear technology. Subject to consultations with IAEA, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, some of those papers could be provided by these agencies;
(e) All relevant documentation would be provided in four working languages.

4. In order to implement this plan, it is estimated that provision in a total amount of $129,500 would have to be made under the following sections of the budget for 1969:

Section 3. Salaries and wages

Chapter III. Other temporary assistance

While the majority of the background papers would be provided by the staff of the Secretariat and the specialized agencies, certain papers would be prepared by high-level consultants in the field of nuclear technology.

In order to provide assistance to the group in research and in the drafting of the report, the Secretary-General would secure the services of a technical coordinator and clerical staff on a temporary basis.

The travel and subsistence of up to 15 experts to attend the two series of meetings is estimated at $45,400.

The first series of meetings of the experts, from 3 to 7 March 1969, would require the recruitment of one team of interpreters.

[Interpretation services could be provided at no additional cost for the second series of meetings, if held during the period 15 to 27 June 1969.]

Translation into three languages ($24,000) and typing ($6,000) of 300 pages of working papers and a report of 500 pages, in four languages.

Section 10. General expenses

Reproduction in four languages of 300 pages of working papers ($300) and 500 pages of report ($3,200)

TOTAL $129,500

ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its 1750th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1968, the General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B submitted by the First Committee in document A/7441; draft resolution A was adopted by 107 votes to none, with 2 abstentions, and draft resolution B by 109 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 18, resolutions 2454 A (XXIII) and 2454 B (XXIII).

At the same meeting, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 6 of document A/7443 and paragraph 7 of document A/7444.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A, B, C and D submitted by the First Committee in document A/7445; draft resolution A was adopted by 103 votes to 7, with 5 abstentions, draft resolution B by 98 votes to none, with 16 abstentions, draft resolution C by 75 votes to 9, with 30 abstentions, and draft resolution D by 108 votes to none, with 7 abstentions. For the final text, see ibid., resolutions 2456 A (XXIII), 2456 B (XXIII), 2456 C (XXIII) and 2456 D (XXIII).