BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

SCIENTIFIC WORK ON PEACE RESEARCH

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/L.645

Statement by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/L.645, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, every other year, an informative report on scientific works produced by national and international, governmental and non-governmental, public and private institutions in the field of peace research and to submit to the General Assembly, at the beginning of its twenty-eighth session, the first such report.

2. It is anticipated that an additional post at the P-4 level would be required in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs for an officer to undertake the work connected with implementation of this draft resolution. The officer in charge of peace research would be responsible for the collection of material and the establishment of contacts with those specialized agencies that are active in the field of peace research, in order to obtain their assistance in the drafting of an informative report on scientific works produced by national and international, governmental and non-governmental, public and private institutions in the field of peace research, and for preparation of the report itself. Pending the determination of the Department's established manning table, following the
Administrative Management Service manpower utilization survey, it is proposed that this post be provided on a provisional basis.

3. With regard to the reports that would be submitted to the General Assembly every other year, on the assumption that each such report, to be issued in five languages as a document of the General Assembly, would consist of approximately 120 pages, the related costs are estimated at $9,900, based on current rates for contractual translation and typing and internal reproduction. These costs would first arise in respect of the 1973 financial year, and every other year thereafter.

4. Should the draft resolution contained in document A/L.645 be adopted by the General Assembly, an additional appropriation in the amount of $30,000 would be required for the financial year 1972, comprising $22,000 under section 3, chapter V, and $8,000 under section 4, of the budget, in connexion with the post referred to in paragraph 2 above. The amount estimated under section 3 includes a reduction of approximately 10 per cent for delayed recruitment. Related income from staff assessment under income section 1 is estimated at $4,800.