PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNium 1974-1975

REDUCTION OF THE MILITARY BUDGETS OF STATES PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL BY 10 PER CENT AND UTILIZATION OF PART OF THE FUNDS
THUS SAVED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.695/Rev.1

Statement by the Secretary-General submitted in accordance
with rule 153 of the rules of procedure

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.695/Rev.1, adopted by the Sixth Committee at its 2028th meeting on 22 November 1974, the Secretary-General would be requested to make the necessary arrangements to issue as a United Nations publication, to be widely distributed, the report of the Group of Consultant Experts "on the reduction of the military budgets of the States permanent members of the Security Council, which should also cover other States with a major economic and military potential, and on the utilization of a part of the funds thus saved to provide international assistance to developing countries", which was prepared in accordance with Assembly resolution 3093 B (XXVIII).

2. In an oral statement (A/C.1/PV.2028) to the First Committee, the Secretary said:

"The Secretary-General understands that the report, which was transmitted to the Assembly as document A/9770, would amount to approximately 35 printed pages and would be printed in six languages, as follows: Arabic, 3,000 copies; Chinese, 2,000; English, 23,000; French, 11,000; Russian, 6,000; and Spanish, 11,000. Based on those assumptions, it is estimated that the total cost of external printing would amount to $27,000."
3. In view of the requirement that the publication should receive wide distribution, the above printing cost was estimated on the basis of typeset printing by external contract which, because of the reduction of paper costs achieved by that method, is likely to be the most economical means of production.

4. The Secretary-General also wishes to inform the Committee that preparation of the report as a United Nations publication would involve relatively little editing and translating, which would be provided from within existing resources.

5. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.695/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of $27,000 would be required under section 4 (Department of Political and Security Council Affairs) of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.