PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIAI 1974-1975

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Administrative and financial implications of a decision taken by consensus of the First Committee

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

1. At its 2028th meeting, on 22 November 1974, the First Committee reached a consensus that the publication The United Nations and Disarmament should be updated by issuing a supplement of some 200 pages, covering the years 1970 to 1975, which would be printed in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. This decision was made in accordance with a consensus reached by the Committee at its 1716th meeting on 9 December 1969 that the publication should be updated at intervals of five years.

2. In an oral statement (A/C.1/PV.2018, 13 November 1974), the Chairman had informed the First Committee that the Secretary-General estimated that the cost of printing such a supplement in six languages in 1975 would be approximately $56,000, comprising $36,000 for contractual printing and $20,000 for translation. The estimate for printing was based on the following number of copies: Arabic, 750; Chinese, 300; English, 5,500; French, 1,350; Russian 400; Spanish, 1,250.

3. Although the text of this publication would be largely reproduction of Assembly documentation already translated, the Secretary-General informed the First Committee, through the Chairman, that, as an order of magnitude, an amount of some $20,000 might be required for contractual translation in the event that the work of translation, particularly of the Arabic and Chinese editions, must be subcontracted because of the full programme of work of the permanent staff.

4. In summary, therefore, should the Fifth Committee decide to endorse the consensus reached by the First Committee at its 2028th meeting, an additional appropriation of $56,000 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.