Thirty-third session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda items 100 and 145

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIA 1978-1979

REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.18

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

1. The First Committee at its 55th meeting held on 29 November 1978 adopted the
draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.18. The Committee had before it
a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/33/L.50).

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.18, the General Assembly would:

1. Request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of an ad hoc panel
   of experienced practitioners in the field of military budgeting:

   (a) To carry out a practical test of the proposed reporting instrument
       with the voluntary co-operation of States from different geographic regions
       and representing different budgeting and accounting systems:

   (b) To assess the results of the practical tests:

   (c) To develop recommendations for further refinement and implementation
       of the reporting instrument;

2. Request the Secretary-General to provide the ad hoc panel with the
   assistance that may be deemed necessary;

3. Request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its
   thirty-fifth session on the results of the implementation of this resolution.
3. The estimated costs of implementing the resolution are provided hereunder, based on the following assumptions:

(a) The Ad Hoc Panel on Military Budgeting would be comprised of six experts and would hold one meeting in New York from 27 August to 31 August 1979.

(b) Simultaneous interpretation would be provided in English and Spanish in-session translation would be provided in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish) and post session in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

(c) Documentation is estimated at 20 pages of in-session documentation and 30 pages of post-session documentation.

(d) Travel and subsistence costs would be required for six experts.

4. Based on the above assumptions, the estimated costs would be as follows:

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I. In-session
Interpretation (6 interpreters) (English, Spanish) 14,100
(Documentation, 20 pages) (English, French, Russian, Spanish)
Translation (3 translators), revision (3 revisers),
typing (4 typists) 4,100
Travel (9 staff) 9,600
Internal reproduction and distribution 900
Other conference staff (1 conference officer, 1 documents clerk) 400
Common services:
Sound technicians 1,400
General operating expenses 600 2,000

II. Post-session
(Documentation, 30 pages) (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish)
Translation (30 work days), revision (10 work days),
typing (33 work days) 10,100
Internal reproduction and distribution 1,500
I, II. Sub-total 42,700

III. Other requirements
Travel and subsistence costs of 6 Panel members 11,300
TOTAL 54,000
5. The total costs associated with the draft resolution amount to $54,000 of which $42,700 relates to conference servicing costs for which the required appropriations will be determined in the context of the forthcoming consolidated statement of conference servicing costs. Accordingly, should the draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly, additional appropriations in the amount of $11,300 would be required at this time under Section 2C of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.