General Assembly

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FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda items 109 and 62 (c)

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIA 1984-1985

STUDY ON CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.4/Rev.1

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


2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.4/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue the study on conventional disarmament approved in its resolutions 35/156 A of 12 December 1980 and 36/97 A of 9 December 1981, and to submit a final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

3. In accordance with resolution 35/156 A, the study is carried out by the Secretary-General with the assistance of a group of qualified experts. The existing Group of Experts is comprised of 23 members, appointed by the Secretary-General on a balanced geographical basis. It is estimated that a sixth and seventh session of the Group of Experts would be required in 1984 for the Group of Experts to finalize its work and prepare its final report. The related travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of the experts are estimated at $186,700.

4. For the purpose of costing related conference-servicing expenses, the following assumptions have been made:

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(a) The Group of Experts would hold two sessions each of two weeks' duration in 1984 (23 January to 3 February and 30 April to 11 May) in New York;

(b) Documentation and interpretation would be provided in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish);

(c) There would be no pre- or in-session documentation requirement;

(d) Post-session documentation for the sixth and seventh sessions would be 60 and 90 pages, respectively.

5. On the basis of the above, the conference-servicing costs for the two sessions are estimated at $364,300 as follows:

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\text{Meeting servicing} & 198200 \\
\text{(Interpretation, A,C,E,F,R,S)} & \\
\text{Post-session documentation} & 149700 \\
\text{(150 pages, A,C,E,F,R,S)} & \\
\text{General service requirements} & 16400 \\
\text{Total} & 364300 \\
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6. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated above are provided on the basis of full costing, i.e., on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available from within existing resources. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1984 as finally approved by the General Assembly. On that basis, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.4/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of $186,700 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence allowance of the Group of Experts.