Thirty-eighth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda items 109 and 62 (e)

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIOUM 1984-1985

STUDY ON CONCEPTS OF SECURITY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/38/L.59

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 40th meeting held on 25 November 1983, adopted the
draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.58. The Committee had before it
a statement of administrative and financial implications in document A/C.1/38/L.76.

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.59
the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of
qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive study of concepts of
security, in particular security policies which emphasize co-operative efforts and
mutual understanding between States, with a view to developing proposals for
policies aimed at preventing the arms race, building confidence in the relations
between States, enhancing the possibility of reaching agreements on arms limitation
and disarmament and promoting political and economic security (operative para. 3),
and request the Secretary-General to submit a final report to the General Assembly
at its fortieth session (operative para. 5).

3. To carry out the study the Secretary-General intends to appoint 12 qualified
governmental experts who would hold two meetings in 1984 (from 16 to 19 April in
New York and two weeks in October/November in Geneva) and two meetings in 1985
(from 28 January to 8 February and from 8 to 19 July, both in New York). Geneva is
envisioned as a venue for the second meeting of 1984 in the light of the decision of
the General Assembly under resolution 34/401 which instructs that no subsidiary
organ of the General Assembly be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

4. As the composition of the expert group has not been decided, costing for interpretation and documentation is made for all six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Should the actual composition of the group result in a decrease in the number of languages required, savings would be achieved.

5. On that basis, the conference-servicing costs for the 1984 and 1985 meetings of the expert group are estimated at $513,100 as follows:

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6. In addition, costs other than conference-servicing costs would be incurred in connection with the work of the expert group. They are estimated as follows:

   (a) Based on the assumption that the experts would be paid travel and daily subsistence allowance at the D-1 level:

   $ 75 000

   Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for three weeks in 1984 (one-week in New York and two weeks in Geneva)

   $ 105 400

   Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1985 (two two-week sessions in New York)

   TOTAL $ 180 400

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(b) In addition, an amount of approximately $3,000 would be required for travel and subsistence of staff from the Department for Disarmament Affairs (one senior officer who would be the secretary of the group) to provide substantive services to the expert group in 1984.

7. Consultant services at the P-5 level would also be required for a total period of six months (three months in 1984 and three months in 1985) to provide specialized academic and political research expertise and to participate in the meetings of the expert group as necessary, and to assist in the preparation of the final report. Associated fees and travel costs are estimated at $20,900 in 1984 and $22,800 in 1985.

8. 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.59, an additional appropriation of $227,100 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence allowance of the experts, the Secretary of the group and for travel and fee of the consultant.