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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENN IUM 1984-1985

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/38/L.30

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

1. At its 39th meeting, held on 23 November 1983, the First Committee adopted the
draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.30. A statement of the
administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was before the
Committee in document A/C.1/38/L.72.

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.30,
the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, with the
assistance of qualified governmental experts and applying the methods customary in
those cases, a report, to be submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session,
on ways and means that seem advisable for stimulating the adoption of unilateral
nuclear disarmament measures which, without prejudice to the security of States,
would come to promote and complement bilateral and multilateral negotiations in
that sphere.

3. In order to carry out that task the Secretary-General would appoint four
qualified governmental experts who would hold in 1984 two one-week meetings in
Geneva and one one-week meeting in New York which would coincide with the timing of
the meeting of the Disarmament Commission, in which it is expected that the experts
might have to participate. The group would meet in the offices of the Department for Disarmament Affairs either in Geneva or New York and would not require any conference services other than the processing of one document (40 pages) of post-session documentation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, consisting of the final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session. The related conference-servicing costs are estimated at $40,100.

4. Based on the assumption that the experts would be paid travel and daily subsistence allowance at the D-1 level, the related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for three one-week sessions in 1984 would amount to $32,500.

5. In addition, an amount of approximately $2,900 would be required for travel and subsistence of a senior officer from the Geneva Office of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, who would be the secretary of the group, to attend the New York meeting.

6. The estimates of the 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 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.30, an additional appropriation of $35,400 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence of the expert group and its secretary.