Fortieth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda items 116 and 48

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIA 1986-1987

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND ITS EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/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 42nd meeting, on 19 November 1985, the First Committee adopted by a recorded vote of 126 to 1, with 6 abstentions, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.30. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/40/L.77.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. In operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.30, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to bring up to date, with the assistance of a group of qualified consultant experts appointed by him and making appropriate use of the capabilities of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in a consultant capacity, the report entitled "Economic and social consequences of the arms race and military expenditures", taking into account the significant developments that have taken place since the previous report on that subject was prepared.
B. Relationship of the proposed request to the approved programme of work


C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General, in order to implement operative paragraph 1, would establish a group consisting of 12 qualified consultant experts appointed by him, bearing in mind the need to achieve appropriate political and geographical balance. In order to provide assistance in a consultant capacity, UNIDIR would have to engage an appropriate person or persons experienced in research work in the fields of the economic and social consequences of the arms race. The Director of UNIDIR would exercise supervision over the product of the consultant(s).

5. The Group of Experts would hold three sessions in 1986 and 1987 as follows:

(a) A session of one week's duration (14 to 18 April 1986) in New York;

(b) A session of two weeks' duration (November/December 1986) at Geneva;

(c) A session of two weeks' duration (6 to 17 July 1987) in New York.

6. With regard to the second session, it is noted that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during the regular session of the General Assembly. Consequently, the second session of the Group would have to be convened at Geneva.

7. It is assumed that the related conference services would be provided for the sessions on the following basis:

(a) The Group would hold two meetings a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon;

(b) Interpretation would be provided in the six official languages of the General Assembly;

(c) There would be a total of 260 pages (five documents) of documentation to be issued in the six official languages.

8. The Secretary-General would authorize payment of travel costs and subsistence allowances for the 12 experts participating in the sessions.
9. It is envisaged that the Secretary of the Group would be appointed from the staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs in New York. In order for the Secretary to attend the Group's session in Geneva, provision for travel and subsistence allowance costs would be required.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work, 1986-1987

10. The activities of the proposal involving the permanent staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs fall under section 2B, subprogramme 3.2, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. No modifications to that programme element are required.

E. Additional requirement at full cost

11. The requirements to undertake the activities referred to in paragraphs 4 to 9 above have been estimated as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\text{(a) On a full cost basis, the conference servicing} \\
\text{costs (see annex for breakdown) arising from} \\
\text{the sessions of the Group of expert consultants:} \\
\text{(i) One-week session in New York in 1986} & \quad 59,400 \\
\text{(ii) Two-week session at Geneva in 1986} & \quad 141,000 \\
\text{(iii) Two-week session in New York in 1987} & \quad 342,600 \\
\text{Total (a)} & \quad 543,000 \\
\text{(b) Travel and daily subsistence costs for the} \\
\text{12 consultant experts for a one-week session} \\
\text{in New York and two-week session in Geneva in} \\
\text{1986; and a two-week session in New York in 1987} & \quad 118,000 \\
\text{(c) Travel and daily subsistence allowance costs for} \\
\text{the Secretary of the Group to service the two-week} \\
\text{session in Geneva} & \quad 3,500 \\
\text{(d) Four work-months of consultancy services to} \\
\text{undertake technical research to collect, compile and} \\
\text{evaluate the relevant data, to prepare draft material} \\
\text{and to attend the session of the expert group} & \quad 26,600 \\
\text{(e) One work-month of temporary assistance for} \\
\text{secretarial support at the General Service level} & \quad 1,900 \\
\text{Total (b, c, d, e)} & \quad 150,000
\end{align*}
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F. Potential for absorption

12. No programme element under subprogrammes within section 2B, "Disarmament affairs activities", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to offset the additional costs that would result from the adoption of the draft resolution.

G. Request for additional appropriation

13. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.30, an additional appropriation of $150,000 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. In addition, an amount of $700 would be required for staff assessment in section 31, offset by an equivalent amount in Income section 1. The estimates of conference-serving costs indicated in paragraph 11 above are provided on the basis of full costing, i.e. on the assumption that no part of the conference-serving requirements would be made available from within existing resources. The actual appropriations that might be required in that respect would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-serving requirements to be submitted at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly.
Annex

ESTIMATED COST OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THREE SESSIONS OF THE
GROUP OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS
(draft resolution A/C.1/40/l.30)

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