Fortieth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda items 116 and 65 (h)

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNium 1986-1987

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION:
PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

Climatic effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/40/L.43

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

1. At its 44th meeting, on 20 November 1985, the First Committee adopted by a recorded vote of 118 to 1, with 10 abstentions, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.43, as orally revised. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/40/L.78.

A. Requests contained in draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/40/L.43, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of consultant experts chosen by him, bearing in mind the advisability of wide geographical representation and of their qualifications in a broad range of scientific fields, to carry out a study on the climatic and potential physical effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter, which will examine, inter alia, its socio-economic consequences. This study would take into account the Secretary-General's compilation and the source documents from which it was prepared, together with any other scientific studies which may be relevant.
B. Relationship of proposed requests to 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 2, would establish a group of consultant experts. To achieve a wide geographical representation and obtain a broad range of appropriate scientific fields, the Group would be comprised of up to 12 experts.

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

(a) A one-week session (16-20 June 1986) in New York;

(b) A two-week session (1-12 December 1986) at Geneva;

(c) A two-week session (20-31 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 a regular session of the Assembly. The second session of the Group would, therefore, 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 400 pages (eight documents) of documentation to be issued in the six official languages.

8. The Secretary-General would authorize payment of travel costs and subsistence allowance for the experts participating in the sessions.

9. To assist the Secretariat in addressing the scientific and technical issues involved in the study, it is estimated that six months of consultancy services would be required. The consultant would be an individual well versed in the
scientific investigations that have been carried out into the nuclear winter phenomenon, and able to present the facts and assumptions in a clear and knowledgeable written manner. The consultant would be expected to prepare a discussion paper for the first session of the Group, and subsequently to help prepare the successive drafts of the Group's report as the work proceeds and attend the sessions as necessary.

10. 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 of $3,500 would be needed.

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

11. The activities related to the proposal fall under section 2B, subprogramme 3.2, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. Consequently, no modifications to the programme of work are required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

12. The requirements to undertake the activities contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 above are as follows:

(a) Conference-servicing costs (see annex for breakdown) in connection with the work of the expert consultants:

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<td>One-week session in New York in June 1986</td>
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(b) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 12 consultant experts for a one-week session in New York, a two-week session at Geneva in 1986, and a two-week session in New York in 1987

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(d) Six work-months of consultancy services
to prepare a discussion paper for the first session
of the Group and to help prepare the successive drafts
of the Group's report as the work proceeds and to
attend the sessions of the expert group

40,500

Total (b), (c) and (d)

162,000

F. Potential for absorption

13. No programme element under any subprogramme within section 2B, Disarmament
affairs activities, 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

14. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document
A/C.1/40/L.43, an additional appropriation of $162,000 would be required under
section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. The
estimates of conference-servicing costs ($720,500) in paragraph 12 (a) 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. The actual additional appropriations that might be required in that
respect would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of
conference-servicing 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 CONSULTANT EXPERTS

(Draft resolution A/C.1/40/L.43)

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