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

MONITORING OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS AND STRENGTHENING OF  
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.1/34/L.21

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

Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.21, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to carry out, with the assistance of the Group of Governmental Experts previously constituted, an in-depth study on the technical, legal and financial implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament no later than June 1981.

Should the draft resolution be adopted, the following expenditures would be incurred:

A. Conference services

The cost of providing conference services to meetings which would be held by the governmental experts is estimated at \$295,300. These estimates are based on the following assumptions:

(a) Four meetings will be held in February, May and September 1980 and in March 1981.

(b) The meetings will be held in Geneva. The first and fourth meetings will last one week, the second and third meetings will last two weeks.

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(c) Interpretation will be provided for each of the meetings in three languages (English, French and Spanish).

(d) Translation, revision and typing of pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation for the first two meetings will be provided in three languages (English, French, Spanish).

(e) For the last two meetings, translation, revision and typing of pre-session and in-session documentation will be provided in three languages (English, French, Spanish) and for post-session documentation, in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish).

(f) For each of the meetings the volume of documentation is estimated at 10 pages for pre-session documentation, 100 pages for in-session documentation, and 100 pages for post-session documentation. Detailed calculation is contained in the annex to the present document. It should be mentioned that the conference servicing requirements are estimated on a full-cost basis. The extent to which they would be absorbed would be determined in the context of the consolidated statements of the conference servicing requirements which would be submitted at a later stage.

B. Other requirements

The holding of the meetings of the governmental experts would also require an amount of \$146,800 for the following:

(a) An amount of \$88,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for the experts:

(b) An amount of \$12,200 for the travel and daily subsistence allowance for two staff members from the substantive department (including the Assistant Secretary-General, who would act as the personal representative of the Secretary-General).

(c) An amount of \$46,700 to hire two consultants for three months each, at a salary roughly equivalent to that of staff at the D-1 level, to provide specialized technical expertise required for the study.

C. Summary of expenditures

Should the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.21 be adopted, the additional financial requirements would amount to \$442,100, of which \$295,300 would be requested for conference servicing and \$146,800 would be requested under section 2B of the budget for the 1980-1981 biennium.

Annex

Cost of the conference servicing for the Group of  
Governmental Experts on the question of the  
establishment of an international satellite  
monitoring agency

	<u>February 1980</u> \$	<u>May 1980</u> \$	<u>September 1980</u> \$	<u>March 1981</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
Interpretation	12 978	25 956	25 956	12 978	77 868
Documentation					
Pre-session	1 409	1 409	1 409	1 409	5 636
In-session	18 396	18 396	18 396	18 396	73 584
Post-session	18 396	18 396	43 876	43 876	124 544
Reproduction and distribution	1 755	1 755	1 755	1 755	7 020
Other conference staff	<u>1 113</u>	<u>2 226</u>	<u>2 226</u>	<u>1 113</u>	<u>6 678</u>
Total	<u>54 047</u>	<u>68 138</u>	<u>93 618</u>	<u>79 527</u>	<u>295,330</u>