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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

ISRAELI NUCLEAR ARMAMENT

Financial implications of the draft resolution contained
in document A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1

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

1. The First Committee, at its 41st meeting held on 23 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/34/L.43).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1, the General Assembly, would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General:
 - (a) "... with the assistance of qualified experts, to prepare a study on the Israeli nuclear armament and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session";
 - (b) "... to submit a progress report on the work of the group of experts to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session".
3. To prepare the study requested in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would intend to utilize the services of a team of consultants, consisting of five qualified specialists, who would work for up to six months each, over the next 20 months. The consultants would mainly work in their home countries but would meet periodically in New York to co-ordinate their work in conjunction with the Centre for Disarmament. Other travel may be required by the nature of their research. The cost of these consultancy services is estimated at \$160,000, including fees, daily subsistence allowance and travel.

4. The preparation of a progress report to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly and the report to the thirty-sixth session would require the provision of conference services for the translation and typing, in six languages, and reproduction and distribution of 200 pages of documentation (50 pages for the interim report and 150 pages for the final report).

5. The cost of conference servicing is estimated at \$101,900, summarized as follows:

	<u>Interim report</u>	<u>Final report</u>
Translation and typing	\$23,100	\$69,200
Reproduction and distribution	2,400	7,200
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TOTAL	\$25,500	\$76,400
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6. The estimated costs for conference servicing indicated in paragraph 5 above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1980 is considered, it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at that time, to what extent the costs in respect of conference servicing dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Thus, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1, appropriations will be required under Section 2B for consultancy services in the total amount of \$160,000.
