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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Study of the institutional arrangements relating to
the process of disarmament

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.30

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

1. The First Committee, at its 44th meeting held on 27 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.30. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/34/L.51).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.30 of 16 November 1979 the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General:
 - (a) With the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive study assessing present institutional requirements and future estimated needs in the United Nations management of disarmament affairs and outlining possible functions, structure and institutional framework that could meet those requirements and needs, including legal and financial implications, and formulating recommendations for possible decisions on the matter;
 - (b) To submit a final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.
3. To carry out the requested study the Secretary-General intends to invite 20 governmental experts who would hold four meetings during the next 20 months.

4. Based on the assumptions that the experts will be paid travel and a daily subsistence allowance at the equivalent of the D-1 level and that meetings will last one week (first and last meetings) and two weeks (second and third meetings), the cost of the travel expenses involved will amount to \$140,900.

5. Meetings of the group of experts would require the provision of interpretation in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and translation of pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of a total volume of 180 pages. The related conference servicing cost would amount to \$228,600.

6. The estimated costs 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. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.30, the Secretary-General would request at this stage additional appropriations under section 2B for travel and subsistence of governmental experts in an amount of \$140,900.
