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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.57/Rev.2

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 40th meeting, held on 25 November 1983, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.57/Rev.2. The Committee had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications in document A/C.1/38/L.77.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.57/Rev.2 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive study on the naval arms race, on naval forces and naval arms systems, including maritime nuclear-weapons systems, as well as on the development, deployment and mode of operation of such naval forces and systems, all with a view to analysing their possible implications for international security and for the freedom of the high seas and for the international shipping routes and for the exploitation of marine resources, thereby facilitating the identification for possible areas of disarmament and confidence-building measures.
3. To carry out the study the Secretary-General would appoint six qualified governmental experts who would hold two meetings in 1984 (from 9 to 13 April in New York and two weeks in October in Geneva) and two meetings in 1985 (from 4 to 15 March and from 15 to 26 July both in New York). Geneva is envisaged as a venue for the second meeting of 1984 in the light of the decision of the General Assembly under resolution 34/401 which instructs that no subsidiary organ of the General

Assembly be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

4. As the composition of the Group of Experts has not been decided, costing for interpretation and documentation is made for all six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Should the actual composition of the Group result in a decrease in the number of languages required savings would be achieved.

5. On this basis, the conference-servicing costs for the 1984 and 1985 meetings of the expert group are estimated at \$511,100 as follows:

	<u>1984</u>		<u>1985</u>	
	<u>New York</u>	<u>Geneva</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>New York</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pre-session documentation (40 pages of 10 documents in A,C,E,F,R,S)	44 000	-	-	-
Meeting servicing (Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	49 600	65 400	101 400	101 400
Post-session documentation (50 pages of 1 document in A,C,E,F,R,S)	-	-	51 500	-
(75 pages of 1 document in A,C,E,F,R,S)	-	-	-	77 300
General service requirements	<u>4 100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8 200</u>	<u>8 200</u>
Total	<u>97 700</u>	<u>65 400</u>	<u>161 100</u>	<u>186 900</u>
Total 1984	<u>163 100</u>			
Total 1985			<u>348 000</u>	

6. In addition, costs other than conference-servicing costs would be incurred in connection with the work of the expert group. They are estimated as follows:

(a) Based on the assumption that the experts would be paid travel and daily subsistence allowance at the D-1 level:

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Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for three weeks in 1984 (one-week in New York and two weeks in Geneva)	37 100
Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1985 (two two-week sessions in New York)	<u>52 100</u>
TOTAL	<u>89 200</u>

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(b) In addition, an amount of approximately \$3,000 would be required for travel and subsistence of staff (one senior officer who would be the Secretary of the Group) to provide substantive services to the expert group in 1984.

7. It is envisaged that consultant services at the P-5 level would also be required for a total period of six months (three months in 1984 and three months in 1985) to provide specialized research expertise relevant to naval and maritime law aspects of the study and to participate in the meetings of the expert group as necessary, and to assist in the preparation of the final report. Associated fees and travel costs are estimated at \$20,900 in 1984 and \$22,800 in 1985.

8. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated 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. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1984 as finally approved by the General Assembly. On that basis, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.57/Rev.2, an additional appropriation of \$135,900 would be required under section 2B. of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence allowance of the group of experts, the Secretary of the group and for travel and fee of the consultant.
