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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR **THE** BIENNIUM 1986-1987

REVIEW OF **THE** IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS 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.1/41/L.36/Rev.1**

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

A. Requests contained in draft resolution

1. At its **41st** meeting, on 12 November 1986, the First Committee adopted by a recorded vote of 119 to 1, with 10 abstentions, the draft resolution contained in document **A/C.1/41/L.36/Rev.1**. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document **A/C.1/41/L.79**.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document **A/C.1/41/L.36/Rev.1**, the General Assembly would once again 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 would 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 that might be relevant.

3. In operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to transmit such study to the General Assembly in due time for consideration at its forty-third session, in 1988.

4. By its resolution 40/152 G of 16 December 1985, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to carry out a study on the same subject and to transmit the study to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-second session in 1987. By decision of the Assembly at its resumed fortieth session, the study was deferred as one of the economy measures proposed by the Secretary-General.

B. Relationship of proposed requests to approved programme of work

5. The activities proposed would fall under chapter 1, Political and security Council affairs, programme 2, Activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, subprogramme 3, Studies on disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 and in section 2B, Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, and of the proposed programs budget for the biennium 1988-1989, programme element 3.2 of subprogramme 3, Studies on disarmament, which covers the preparation for and execution of various studies requested by the General Assembly.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General, in order to implement operative paragraph 3, would establish a group of consultant experts. To reflect a wide geographical representation and drawn from a broad range of appropriate scientific fields, the Group would be comprised of up to 12 experts.

7. The Group would hold three sessions in 1987 and 1988 as follows:

(a) One-week session (6-10 April 1987) in New York;

(b) Two-week session (November/December 1987) at Geneva;

(c) Two-week session (April 1988) in New York.

8. With regard to the second session, it is noted that in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243 (sect. I, pars. 7), no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly. Consequently, the second session of the Group would, therefore, have to be convened at Geneva.

9. 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;

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(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.

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

11. To assist the Secretariat in addressing the scientific and technical issues involved in the study, it is estimated that six months of consultancy service 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 help to prepare the successive drafts of the Group's report as the work proceeded and to attend the mission as necessary.

12. It is envisaged that the Secretary of the Group will 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 \$3,800 would be needed.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

13. The activities of the proposal involving the permanent staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs fall under section 2B, paragraph 3.2, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 and of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Consequently, no modifications to that programme element are required.

E. Additional requirement at full cost

14. The requirements to undertake the activities contained in paragraphs 6 to 12 above are as follows:

| | 1987 \$ | 1988 \$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| (a) On a full-cost basis, the conference-servicing costs (see annex for breakdown) arising from the sessions of the Group of consultant experts: | | |
| (i) One-week session in New York in April 1987 | 49 200 | |
| (ii) Two-week session at Geneva in November/December 1987 | 201 200 | |
| (iii) Two-week session in New York in April 1988 | - - | <u>418 200</u> |
| Total (a) | <u>250 400</u> | <u>418 200</u> |
| (b) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 12 consultant experts for a one-week session in New York and a two-week session at Geneva in 1987 (\$76,600) and a two-week session in New York in 1988 (\$50,000) | 76 600 | 50 000 |
| (c) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for the Secretary of the Group to service the two-week session at Geneva in 1987 | 3 800 | |
| (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 proceeded and to attend the sessions of the expert group in New York (\$17,400 in 1987 and \$16,300 in 1988 including travel and daily subsistence allowance for attendance at sessions) | <u>17 400</u> | <u>16 300</u> |
| Total (b) , (c) and (d) | <u>97 800</u> | <u>66 300</u> |

F. Potential for absorption

15. No programme element under any subprogramme within section 2B (Department for Disarmament Affairs) of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to implement the draft resolution.

G. Request for additional appropriation

16. Following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 40/152 G, an appropriation of \$125,700 was approved under section 2B of the budget for the biennium 1986-1987. Of this amount, \$88,800 related to requirements in 1986 and \$36,900 to requirement in 1987. Within this provision for 1986 (\$88,800) an amount

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of \$69,000 **was** committed to meet the **Organization's** funding **shortfall** in 1986. It will be recalled that the first two **sessions** of the Expert Group in 1986 were deferred as indicated in paragraph 4 above.

17. On that **basis**, the additional appropriation under **section** 2B of the programme budget for the biennium **1986-1987** required to **meet** the 1987 requirements detailed in paragraph 14 above is estimated at \$41,100, broken down between ad hoc expert groups (\$37,300) and travel of staff (\$3,800). The 1988 requirements would **be** dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

18. Estimates of conference-servicing costs are provided on the **assumption** that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available **from** 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 conference for the year 1987 as finally approved by the General **Assembly**.

Annex**ESTIMATED COST OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THREE SESSIONS
OF THE GROUP OF CONSULTANT EXPERTS**

| | 1987 First session (New York, one week) \$ | 1987 Second session (Geneva, two weeks) \$ | 1988 Third session (New York, two weeks) \$ |
|---|--|--|---|
| I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> | | | |
| (130 pages, 6 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S) | | 108 500 | |
| (120 pages, 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S) | | | 140 700 |
| II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> | | | |
| (Interpretation, A,C,E,F,R,S) | 43 900 | 82 700 | 91 000 |
| III. <u>Post-session documentation</u> | | | |
| (150 pages, 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S) | | | 175 900 |
| IV. <u>Requirements of the office of General Services</u> | <u>5 300</u> | <u>10 000</u> | <u>10 600</u> |
| Total | <u>200</u> | <u>201 200</u> | <u>418 200</u> |
