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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE **BIENNium** 1990-1991IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE **DENUCLEARIZATION**
OF AFRICA

Programme budget implications of draft resolution
A/C.1/44/L.53/Rev.3

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

1. At its 39th meeting, on 16 November 1989, the **First** Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 118 to 4, with 10 abstentions, draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.53, Rev.3**. A statement of programme budget implication was **before** the Committee in document **A/C.1/44/L.65**.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. In operative paragraph 4, part B, of draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.53/Rev.3**, the General Assembly would take note with great concern of recent reports that collaboration between Israel and South Africa **had** resulted in the development by South Africa of a nuclear-tipped missile.

3. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5, the General Assembly would call upon the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of qualified **experts**, to investigate those reports, bearing in mind **their** implications for the implementation of the policy of **denuclearization** of Africa and for the security of African States and in particular the front-line and other neighbouring States.

4. In operative paragraph 6, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report on his investigation to the

Disarmament Commission at its substantive session in 1990 and a final report to the Assembly at its forty-first session.

B. Relationship to the request to the proposed programme of work

5. The above request is related to (a) chapter 1, Political and Security Council affairs activities, programme 2, Activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of the current medium-term plan 1/ and (b) section 2B, Disarmament affairs activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, 2/ subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, programme element 1.5, Follow-up and implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and other legislative bodies, which covers the preparation of reports for submission to the Assembly.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would engage three qualified consultant experts to assist him in implementing the requests contained in operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of the draft resolution. The Department for Disarmament Affairs, New York, would provide appropriate substantive support services to the consultant experts.

9. It is anticipated that the experts and two staff members of the Department would carry out consultations/investigations at Geneva, Vienna (with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)) and with a front-line State or States in Africa, before returning to New York for the preparation of their report. In addition, discussions would be held with representatives of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and with other sources of information relevant to the topic being investigated.

8. The Secretary-General would authorise payment of fees to the consultant experts, in addition to travel costs and daily subsistence allowance. The consultant experts would be expected to have appropriate knowledge and expertise of the issues involved and to present the results of their work in a clear, cogent and objective manner.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1990-1991

9. The activities of the proposal would fall under programme element 1.5 of subprogramme 1 of section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Accordingly, no modifications to that programme element would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

10. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraphs 6 and 7 above are estimated as follows:

	<u>1990</u>
	\$
(a) <i>Fees</i> (three qualified consultant experts, for a total of three work-months)	15 000
(b) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for three consultant experts	31 200
(c) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for two staff members from the Department for Disarmament Affairs	<u>11 600</u>
Total	<u>57 800</u>

F. Potential for absorption

11. It is not anticipated that the additional requirements outlined in section E above could be absorbed from within the resources requested under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

G. Indication of additional requirements

12. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is estimated that additional requirements of \$57,800 would arise under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

H. Contingency fund

13. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 to undertake the activities enumerated in section C above, for which it is estimated that an amount of \$57,800 would be required.

14. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of the current session.

15. The Secretary-General is not in a position to propose the termination, deferral, curtailment or modification of any activity in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 in order to finance the costs relating to the activities enumerated in section C above in the event that the General Assembly adopts the draft resolution.

16. Therefore, the General Assembly will be informed of the fact that no activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for 1990-1991 in order to finance these activities in the event that the Assembly adopts the draft resolution. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the activities might have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1967.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr. 1) ; *ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6 and Corr.1); and *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/43/6).

2/ *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.
