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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.10

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 1990, the First Committee adopted, by a recorded vote, draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.10. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.1/45/L.55.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 7 and 10 of draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.10, the General Assembly would:

(a) Reiterate and emphasize its decision to convene the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, as a necessary step for the implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, 1/ adopted in 1971;

(b) Renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean as defined in the relevant resolutions, and request the Committee to intensify its work with regard to the implementation of its mandate;

(c) Request the Ad Hoc Committee to hold two preparatory sessions during 1991, the first with a duration of one week and the second with a duration of two weeks, for completion of the remaining preparatory work relating to the Conference on the Indian Ocean to enable the convening of the Conference at Colombo in 1992 in consultation with the host country;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records, in recognition of its preparatory functions.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work for 1990-1991 and the proposed programme for 1992-1993

3. The requests contained in section A above are related to subprogramme 2 (Service for political and security affairs) of programme 1 (Political and Security Council affairs activities (excluding activities of the Department of Disarmament Affairs)) of chapter 1 (Political and Security Council affairs activities) of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as extended through 1991. 2/ Corresponding provision is made in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 3/ under programme element 2.4 (Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean) of subprogramme 2 (Service for political and security affairs) of subsection B (Department of Political and Security Council Affairs) of section 2A (Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities).

4. In subprogramme 2 (Services for political and security affairs) of programme 2 (Political and Security Council affairs) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 4/ one of the objectives is to ensure effective implementation of intergovernmental decisions in the areas of international and regional security, peace and research, and the promotion of peace. One element of the proposed strategy is servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean with a view to implementing the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary preparations for the servicing of two sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean in New York, one of one week in April and one of two weeks in July 1991.

6. As regards convening of the Conference on the Indian Ocean in 1992, related provisions would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

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

7. As indicated in section B above, section 2A of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 includes provision for support for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. Consequently, no modification would be required should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

8. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold one session of one week's duration during April and one session of two weeks' duration in July 1991. The meetings would each require the provision of interpretation in the six languages of the General Assembly; translation of pre-session documentation of 10 pages (3 documents); in-session documentation of 15 pages (5 documents) and post-session documentation of 10 pages (3 documents), to be issued in the six languages of the General Assembly. In addition, under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/177 D of 5 December 1986 as well as the provisions of paragraph 2 (d) above, the Ad Hoc Committee is entitled to summary records in the six languages of the General Assembly.

9. The related full cost of provision of conference servicing for the sessions in New York is estimated at \$634,400, as follows:

	<u>First session</u> <u>in 1991</u>	<u>Second session</u> <u>in 1991</u>
	\$	\$
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (10 pages, 3 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	11 900	11 900
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	46 100	92 200
III. <u>In-session documentation</u> (15 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	17 400	17 400
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (10 pages, 3 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	11 900	11 900
V. <u>Summary records</u> (10 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S) (20 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	137 900	275 800
Total	225 200	409 200

10. As indicated in section B above, provision for substantive support of the Ad Hoc Committee is made under section 2A of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Consequently, no additional requirements are anticipated in this respect.

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F. Potential for absorption

11. As regards the estimated conference-servicing costs of the two sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee called for in the draft resolution and outlined in paragraph 9 above, these estimates totalling \$634,400 are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 of the programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the final calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. As indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the programme budget, however, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1990-1991 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 are consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.10.

G. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.10, no additional appropriations would be required under sections 2A or 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

Notes

1/ Resolution 2832 (XXVI).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), amended by *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/43/6) and modified by *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/43/16), para. 112 (c).

3/ *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I, para. 2A.36, as amended by *ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/44/6/Rev.1/Add.1), sect. III.

4/ A/45/6.
