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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

#### REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

##### Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

##### United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Request for subvention to the Institute resulting from  
the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the  
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research  
contained in document A/45/392

##### Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of article VIII of the Statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), 1/ the recommendation by the Board of Trustees of the Institute for a subvention for 1991 of \$220,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations is hereby transmitted to the General Assembly for approval.
2. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, in its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, adopted the 1991 draft programme of work and proposed budget estimates of the Institute. 2/ The Board recalled that, at its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly approved an appropriation of \$440,000 under section 2B, Department for Disarmament Affairs, as a subvention to UNIDIR from the regular budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Accordingly, an amount of \$220,000 has been earmarked for the year 1990 and the remaining \$220,000 for 1991. In keeping with the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that, notwithstanding the inclusion of that amount into the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, a formal request for a subvention for 1991 would

have to be made to the General Assembly, the Board recommended a subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations amounting to \$220,000 for 1991.

3. Should the General Assembly decide to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/201, part B, section IV entitled "Subvention from the regular budget to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research", the Secretary-General is requested, inter alia, "to review the question of programme support costs" with regard to the Institute. In this connection, based on actual 1989 work-load statistics on programme support services provided to UNIDIR by the United Nations Office at Geneva, a detailed analysis and costing of services rendered was carried out. That review indicates that the current rate (5 per cent) applied to expenditures under the Trust Fund for UNIDIR for programme support cost enables UNIDIR to reimburse the United Nations adequately for the financial and personnel services provided by UNOG to the Institute.

5. In the report of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters in its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR (A/45/392, annex II), the Board "noted with appreciation the vigorous efforts of the Director to encourage further voluntary contributions" on the one hand, but "emphasized the importance of continuing in the future the annual subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations and the need to maintain the other support arrangements at their current level" on the other hand. The Secretary-General concurs with the observations made by the Board, on the understanding that every effort will continue to be made by UNIDIR to encourage voluntary contributions towards defraying administrative costs of the Institute and eventually alleviating the need for a subvention from the United Nations.

#### Notes

1/ General Assembly resolution 39/148 H, annex.

2/ A/45/392, annex II.

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