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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/38/L.2

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

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5, 8 and 11 of the draft resolution contained in document A/38/L.2 concerning the situation in Kampuchea, the General Assembly would:

(a) Authorize the Ad Hoc Committee of the International Conference on Kampuchea to convene when necessary and to carry out the tasks entrusted to it in its mandate (operative para. 4);

(b) Reaffirm its decision to reconvene the Conference at an appropriate time in accordance with Conference resolution 1 (I) (operative para. 5);

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to consult with and assist the Conference and the Ad Hoc Committee and to provide them on a regular basis with the necessary facilities to carry out their functions (operative para. 8);

(d) Reiterate its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts in co-ordinating humanitarian relief assistance and in monitoring its distribution and requests him to intensify such efforts as are necessary (operative paragraph 11).

A. Ad Hoc Committee

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4 and 8, the General Assembly would authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to convene when necessary and to carry out the tasks

entrusted to it in its mandate and request the Secretary-General to continue to consult with and assist the Conference and the Ad Hoc Committee and to provide them on a regular basis with the necessary facilities to carry out their functions.

3. It will be recalled that the Ad Hoc Committee was established on 17 July 1981 by resolution 1 (I) of the International Conference on Kampuchea. By that resolution, the Conference entrusted the Committee with the following tasks:

(a) To assist the Conference in seeking a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean question, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/6 of 22 October 1980;

(b) To act as an advisory body to the Secretary-General between sessions of the Conference;

(c) To undertake missions, when appropriate, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account his recommendations, in pursuit of a comprehensive political settlement to the conflict in Kampuchea;

(d) To advise the President of the Conference, after consultations with the Secretary-General, as to when the Conference should be reconvened. The same resolution also requested the Committee to submit reports to the Conference.

4. As of 1983, the substantive servicing of the Committee has been the responsibility of a Secretariat of the Committee established on a temporary basis and consisting of a D-1 post for the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee and a G-4 post to discharge the administrative and secretariat work related to the Committee's activities. The continuation of these two temporary posts has been proposed under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985. 1/ Provision has also been made for related general operating expenses and supplies requirements (\$14,200).

5. In connection with the implementation of its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee may be expected to undertake two or three missions in 1984 to consult with Governments in South-East Asia and other interested countries. No appropriation is requested for the related travel of representatives and staff since provision was made for this purpose in the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985 under section 3.

6. In the concluding paragraph of its report to the General Assembly (document A/CONF.109/7 of 22 September 1983) the Ad Hoc Committee points out, inter alia, that it intends to continue the consultations undertaken over the last two years. It is expected that the Committee will hold 12 sessions of one day each throughout 1984 in New York. The related conference servicing requirements were taken into consideration at the time of the preparation of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1984. No additional resources would therefore be required for this purpose under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985.

B. International Conference on Kampuchea

7. By operative paragraph 5, the General Assembly would reaffirm its decision to reconvene the Conference at an appropriate time in accordance with Conference resolution 1 (I).

8. It is difficult at this stage to foresee with any certainty when and where the Conference will be reconvened. No appropriation is therefore requested at this time. Should a decision to convene the Conference be reached in the course of 1984, the Secretary-General would seek the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to enter into the necessary commitments under the terms of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1984-1985 to be adopted by the General Assembly at the current session.

C. Co-ordination of the Programme of Humanitarian Assistance to the Kampuchean people

9. Under operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would inter alia request the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts in co-ordinating humanitarian relief assistance to the Kampuchean people and in monitoring its distribution as necessary.

10. In his report to the General Assembly on the Situation on Kampuchea (A/38/513), the Secretary-General stated the following:

Under the mandate contained in resolution 37/6 as well as in previous resolutions of the General Assembly, I have continued to implement the Programme of Humanitarian Assistance to the Kampuchean people. This programme, funded largely by voluntary contributions from Member States, has consisted of three major components, namely the operations within Kampuchea, at the border and within Thailand. I have brought to the attention of Member States the financial needs of the programme and kept the donors, both multilateral and bilateral, informed on a regular basis of its detailed implementation. The programme has been in operation for four years and, as a result of substantial assistance provided by the international community and the sustained efforts of the Kampuchean people themselves, the food situation in Kampuchea can be regarded at present as acceptable. However, food production is essentially dependent on the monsoon and, regrettably, present prospects for the current monsoon are not encouraging. The situation relating to agriculture in the country as a whole thus remains frail and vulnerable. Moreover, health and sanitary conditions continue to cause grave anxiety. The Kampuchean people who have sought refuge along the Thai-Kampuchean border and those in the UNHCR holding centres in Thailand will continue to remain dependent upon relief assistance provided by the international community.

11. It will be recalled that under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, provision had been made for six temporary posts (one Under-Secretary-General, one D-2, one D-1 and three General Service posts, one of which is at the Principal level) and for related supporting costs in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Operations resulting from developments in Kampuchea. 2/

12. In the light of experience gained over the last four years and after a careful review of the tasks to be performed, the staff requirements for the continued co-ordination of the humanitarian assistance programme in 1984 are estimated as follows:

- one Assistant Secretary-General to act as Co-ordinator of the Programme of Humanitarian Assistance to the Kampuchean people;
- one D-2, stationed in Bangkok, to act as Deputy Co-ordinator in the field;
- one P-5, to assist the Co-ordinator in New York;
- one G-5 at Headquarters and one G-4/3 in Bangkok.

13. The Co-ordinator of the Programme of Humanitarian Assistance to the Kampuchean people, whose office would be in New York, would be responsible, inter alia, for the co-ordination of assistance provided by the agencies and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies, and voluntary agencies; the co-ordination of the assistance provided by donors; and the consultations with Governments and other authorities directly concerned with the operation of the Programme.

14. The Deputy Co-ordinator, at the D-2 level, would head an Office in Bangkok, Thailand. He would be responsible, inter alia, under the supervision of the Co-ordinator, for assisting the Co-ordinator in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to him by the Secretary-General, including co-ordinating the assistance provided by the Agencies in the area; dealing with the authorities concerned on all matters concerning the various components of the humanitarian assistance programme; advising the heads and representatives of the Agencies in Bangkok on matters of policy; and advising the Co-ordinator on all matters requiring initiatives from him.

15. The assistant to the Co-ordinator, at the P-5 level, assigned to the Office of the Co-ordinator in New York, would inter alia assist in arranging and participating in co-ordination meetings, collecting information, reviewing decisions and keeping the Co-ordinator informed of any developments in the day-to-day operations of the Programme and contact the donors where necessary.

16. The G-5 post would be needed to accommodate a personal assistant/secretary to the Co-ordinator while the remaining General Service post would be required for the provision of secretarial support in Bangkok.

17. Because of the nature of the responsibilities attached to these posts it is proposed that they be authorized as temporary posts.

18. It is further estimated that, in the implementation of the functions described in paragraph 12 above, the Co-ordinator would be required to make four round trips between New York and Bangkok in 1984. A provision for three round trips for the Deputy Co-ordinator in implementation of the functions described in paragraph 13 above is also requested for that year. The total related costs are estimated at \$33,700.

Summary

19. The estimated requirements in 1984 for the implementation of operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution are as follows:

<u>Section 3</u>	\$
Temporary posts	155,200
Common staff costs	55,600
Representation allowance	2,100
Travel of staff	33,700
Communications	5,300
Miscellaneous supplies and services	<u>6,000</u>
Subtotal	257,900

Section 28

Common services costs	<u>15,500</u>
Total	<u><u>273,400</u></u>

20. Accordingly, should the draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly, a total additional appropriation of \$273,400 would be required in 1984 under section 3B (\$257,900) and section 28 (\$15,500). In addition, an amount of \$62,700 would be required for staff assessment in section 31 to be offset by an equivalent amount in Income Section 1.

Notes

1/ A/38/6, para. 3.30.

2/ Ibid., para. 1.49.
