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REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE RECRUITMENT,
USE, FINANCING AND TRAINING OF MERCENARIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.6/38/L.5

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

Addendum

Observations submitted by the Committee on Conferences in accordance
with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A, by which the General Assembly decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Committee on Conferences met to review the implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.5 as adopted by the Sixth Committee.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 and 7 of the draft resolution the Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Ad Hoc Committee should continue its work with the goal of drafting, at the earliest possible date, an international convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries;

(b) Decide that the Ad Hoc Committee should hold its fourth session for four weeks, from 30 July to 24 August 1984 in Geneva.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee is a New York-based body which, in accordance with the established headquarters principle expressed in General Assembly resolution 31/140, section I, should meet in New York.

4. The full-cost figures provided to the Committee on the basis of the latest statement of the requirements of the Ad Hoc Committee for the period in question were as follows:

	<u>Geneva</u>	<u>New York</u>
A. <u>Conference-servicing costs</u>		
Pre-session documentation	51 800	51 800
Meeting servicing	122 500	197 100
In-session documentation	60 200	62 400
Post-session documentation	31 900	31 900
Office of General Services	<u>-</u>	<u>16 600</u>
Total	266 400	359 800
B. <u>Other costs</u>		
Travel and per diem	<u>18 900</u>	<u>-</u>
Grand total	<u>285 300</u>	<u>359 800</u>

5. The following clarifications were made:

(a) The figures for pre-session and post-session documentation are the same for New York and Geneva because this documentation will be processed in New York, regardless of where the meeting is held.

(b) Services provided by the Office of General Services are costed separately in New York but not in Geneva, where such services are mainly provided under the heading of meeting servicing. This is because of the structural differences between New York and Geneva.

6. In accordance with the decision of the Committee on Conferences reported in paragraph 71 (b) of its report to the General Assembly (A/38/32), the Secretariat was requested to present an estimate of the incremental costs should the Ad Hoc Committee meet in Geneva.

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7. On the basis of the calendar of conferences adopted by the General Assembly, no extra staff need be recruited if the meetings are held at Headquarters. Because of annual-leave requirements, some minimal replacement staff may be needed, but for budgetary purposes costs can be assumed to be zero.

8. Therefore, the actual additional cost to the Organization in United States dollars is as follows:

	<u>Geneva</u>	<u>New York</u>
A. <u>Conference-servicing costs</u>		
Pre-session documentation <u>a/</u>	-	-
Meeting servicing	122 500	-
In-session documentation	60 200	-
Post-session documentation <u>a/</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	182 700	-
 B. <u>Other costs</u>		
Travel and per diem <u>b/</u>	<u>18 900</u>	<u>-</u>
Grand total	<u><u>201 600</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

a/ Pre- and post-session documentation would be produced in New York at no additional cost.

b/ Two staff members of the Office of Legal Affairs will already be in Geneva for the International Law Commission meetings at this time. The figure shown here relates to the travel and per diem costs of five other substantive staff members.

9. The Committee on Conferences therefore wishes to advise the General Assembly that should the Ad Hoc Committee meet in Geneva, the cost to the Organization will approach the full-cost figure for Geneva, while in New York there would be little or no additional cost. The Committee felt that such departures from the established headquarters principle should be discouraged, particularly in cases such as this, which result in a less than optimum use of conference resources.
