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REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/38/L.49

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

1. The First Committee, at its 40th meeting, held on 25 November 1983, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.49. The Committee had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications in document A/C.1/38/L.74.

2. Under the terms of the penultimate preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.49, the General Assembly, after having noted the Progress Report of the Secretary-General (A/38/354) in which the Group of Experts instituted under the terms of General Assembly resolution 37/95 B established that a direct contact between its members and the voluntary participating Member States is vital for the work of the Group (penultimate preambular paragraph), would request the Secretary-General to provide the Group of Experts with sufficient financial and other resources for the carrying out of its complex tasks as outlined in the progress report (operative para. 6).

3. It is estimated that in that connection the Chairman of the Group of Experts and one member of the Group would need to make visits to the capitals of the States participating in the exercise. It is anticipated that there would be four visiting missions. The first mission would visit Oslo and Helsinki, the second - Vienna and Rome, the third - London and Bonn and the fourth - Washington, Ottawa and Canberra. It is envisaged that during the fourth mission the Chairman of the Group would be accompanied also by a second member of the Group. The estimated average

duration of a visiting mission to each capital would be five days. On the basis of the above assumptions, the related travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of the members of the Group are estimated at \$18,400.

4. Furthermore, in relation to the need for additional military expertise, particularly in assessing the comparability and quality of military goods and services outlined in paragraph 13 of the progress report on the work of the Group of Experts (A/38/354), it is estimated that two work-months of consultant services, at an estimated cost of \$10,000 would be required. It is further estimated that the consultant would need to participate in the missions referred to in paragraph 2 above. The related cost is estimated at \$9,400.

5. On that basis, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.49, an additional appropriation of \$37,800 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for travel and subsistence allowance of the experts and for travel and fees of the consultant.
