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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1986-1987

#### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

#### Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

#### Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.79

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

1. At its 61st meeting, on 28 November 1986, the Third Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 138 to 1, with 4 abstentions, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.79. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.3/41/L.84.

#### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. By operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.79 the General Assembly would decide that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the open-ended Working Group engaged in the drafting of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families should again hold an intersessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council.

3. By operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Working Group should meet during the forty-second session of the Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, in order to continue the

**second reading of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families.**

**B. Relationship of proposed request to current legislative mandates**

4. The activities referred to would fall under chapter 6, Human rights, ~~section XI, Programme: Centrs for Human Rights, subprogramme 2, Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups,~~ the objectives and strategy of which are outlined in paragraph 6.27 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989.

5. The following programme element of subprogramme 2 in section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 provides for the activities referred to above:

**Programme element 2.1 - Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups**

**Output (xiii) - Substantive servicing of the Working Group of the General Assembly engaged in the drafting of a convention on the human rights of migrant workers and their families.**

**C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented**

6. The open-ended Working Group would hold 20 meetings, either in New York or Geneva as determined by the General Assembly at its current session, during the two weeks immediately following the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1987, and would hold another 12 meetings in New York during the early part of the forty-second session of the General Assembly.

**D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work**

7. No modification in the approved programme of work would be required in 1987 since the substantive servicing of this Working Group already appears under programme element 2.1.

**E. Additional requirements at full cost**

8. If the General Assembly were to decide that the Working Group should hold 20 meetings in New York in the two weeks immediately following the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1987, the conference-servicing requirements would amount to \$297,200 on a full-cost basis, broken down as follows, on the assumption that both the pre- and post-session documentation would be prepared in Geneva:

		\$
I.	<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (Geneva)	
	(60 pages, 3 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	45 500
II.	<u>Meeting servicing</u> (New York)	
	(20 meetings)	
	Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	88 800
III.	<u>In-session documentation</u> (New York)	
	(100 pages, 10 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	96 100
IV.	<u>Post-session documentation</u> (Geneva)	
	(60 pages, 2 documents, A, C, I?, F, R, S)	43 500
V.	<u>Requirements of the</u> <u>Off ice of General Services</u>	23 800
	Total	297 700

9. It should be noted that a decision to hold the interaeseional meeting of the Working Group in New York would constitute an exception to the provision of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, according to which "United Nations bodies shall meet at their respective established headquarters". Since the substantive secretariat for this meeting is located in Geneva, the established headquarters of the Working Group during its intersessional meeting would be Geneva. The conference-servicing reauirements for holding the meeting in Geneva would amount to \$252,900, broken down as follower

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I.	<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (Geneva)	
	(60 pages, 3 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	45 500
II.	<u>Meeting servicing</u> (Geneva)	
	(20 meetings)	
	Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	84 000
III.	<u>In-session documentation</u> (Geneva:	
	(100 pages, 10 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	76 800

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IV.	<u>Post-session documentation</u> (Geneva)	
	(60 pages, 2 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	43 500
V.	<u>Requirements of the</u> <u>Office of General Services</u>	3 100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>252 900</b>

10. On the assumption that the Working Group would hold another 12 meetings in New York during the forty-second session of the General Assembly and that pre-session documentation only would be processed at Geneva, the conference-servicing requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis, would be \$237,000 broken down as follows:

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I.	<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (Geneva)	
	(60 Pages, 2 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	44 800
II.	<u>Meeting servicing</u> (New York)	
	(12 meetings)	
	Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	53 300
III.	<u>In-session documentation</u> (New York)	
	(100 pages, 10 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	96 100
IV.	<u>Post-session documentation</u> (New York)	
	(30 pages, 1 document, A, C, E, F, R, S)	28 500
V.	<u>Requirements of the</u> <u>Office of General Services</u>	14 300
	<b>Total</b>	<b>237 000</b>

11. In addition, should the intersessional meeting of the Working Group be held in New York, travel and subsistence costs for one substantive officer from the Centre for Human Rights to service the meeting would amount to \$3,300. The substantive servicing of the Working Group during the forty-second session of the General Assembly would entail subsistence costs only, estimated at \$1,200, since one officer of the Centre for Human Rights would have to travel to New York in any case to provide substantive service to the Third Committee.

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**F. Potential for absorption**

12. The Secretariat intends to absorb the travel and subsistence costs mentioned in paragraph 11 from within resources already provided for the 1986-1987 programme budget .

**G. Request for additional appropriation**

13. The conference-servicing requirements listed above would amount to \$534,700 if both sessions were to be held in New York, or \$489,900 if the intersessional meeting were to be held in Geneva and the sessional meeting in New York. The actual appropriation that might be required under section 29 to cover these conference-servicing costs would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements, to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.