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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.41

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

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.41 would request the Secretary-General, **using existing** resources, to consider convening the Intergovernmental Expert Group for a period of two **weeks** immediately prior to the tenth **special** session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in order to continue revision of the **working** document on a draft Convention against Illicit **Traffic** in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and, if possible, to reach **agreement** on the Convention.

2. Operative paragraph 6 would request the **Secretary-General** to make the necessary administrative arrangements for the convening of the Plenipotentiary Conference in 1988 **for** the signing of the Convention **against** Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

B. Relationship of the request to the proposed programme of work

3. The proposed activities would fall under chapter 7 of the medium-term plan for the period **1984-1989**, and under section **20**, International drug control, of the proposed **programme** budget for the biennium 1988-1989: **subprogramme 1**, "Treaty implementation and Commission secretariat". Programme 8, chapter 30 of addendum 2 to the medium-term plan, and programme element 1.1 of section 29 of the proposed **programme** budget relating to conference Services, Vienna, would also be related to these activities,

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. In accordance with the request contained in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, arrangements would be made to convene a two-week session of the Intergovernmental Group during the period 25 January to 5 February 1988, immediately before the tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which is scheduled to be held from 8 to 19 February 1988.

5. The Secretary-General would make the necessary administrative arrangements to provide for the possible holding of the Plenipotentiary Conference in 1988 as requested in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1988-1989

6. The above activities would represent an addition to the programme of work for the biennium 1988-1989 and the substantive servicing of the Expert Group meeting and the Plenipotentiary Conference would become additional outputs under programme element 1.2 of section 20, part B (Division of Narcotic Drugs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. No change would be required in section 29 (Conference and library services).

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The additional requirements for the activities described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above would be solely for conference-servicing since it is anticipated that the Governments of participants in the Expert Group meeting and the Plenipotentiary Conference would bear the travel costs of their own representatives.

8. The conference-servicing requirements for the proposed Plenipotentiary Conference were set out in annex II to the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-second session (E/1987/17). They were reviewed by the Economic and Social Council in adopting its resolution 1987/27 and have been drawn to the attention of the General Assembly in the revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Council at its first and second sessions, 1987 (A/C.5/42/16). No additional appropriation has been requested for the conference-servicing of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

9. The conference-servicing requirements for a two week session of the Intergovernmental Expert Group at Vienna in 1988 are as shown below, on a full-cost basis;

United States dollars

Pre-session documentation (200 pages, 5 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	224 600
Meeting services (20 meetings) (A, C, E, F, R, S)	146 900
In-session documentation (100 pages 5 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	110 900
Post-session documentation (200 pages, 1 document, A, C, E, F, R, S)	223 300
Requirements of the Office of General Services	<u>201</u>
Total conference-servicing costs	<u>716,900</u>

F. Potential for absorption

10. The above cost estimate is based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements could be met from within the permanent capacity of the Department of Conference Services and that additional resources for temporary assistance for meetings would be required. However, the extent to which the permanent capacity of the Department would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1988 to be approved by the General Assembly at its current session. Furthermore, as indicated in paragraph 29.6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, the requirements under temporary assistance for meetings are at a level consistent with a five-year average of appropriations and actual expenditure for the period 1982-1986. In other words, provision has been made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that might be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the next biennium is consistent with the pattern experienced over the past five years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional appropriation would be required under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.41.
