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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.67/Rev.2

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 41st meeting held on 25 November 1983, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.67/Rev.2. The Committee had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications in document A/C.1/38/L.79.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.67/Rev.2, the General Assembly would request the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, in co-operation with the Department for Disarmament Affairs and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to provide data on the continued development of South Africa's nuclear capability (para. 7) and would request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research to enable it to carry out the task entrusted to it under the resolution and for the Institute to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session (para. 8).

3. As recalled in the preamble of the draft resolution, the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research were requested, under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of resolution 37/100 F "to lend assistance to States and regional institutions which may request it in the context of regional disarmament measures taken at the initiative and with the participation of all the States concerned". At the time of the adoption of resolution 37/100 that request was interpreted within the framework of General Assembly resolution 37/99 K which provides inter alia that "activities of the Institute shall be funded

by voluntary contributions from States and public and private organizations" as not having financial implications under the regular budget. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the activities referred to in General Assembly resolution 37/99 K include those specifically mandated by the General Assembly, such as the task referred to in operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/38/L.67/Rev.2.

4. Furthermore, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the necessary support that he would be requested to provide to the Institute to enable it to carry out the task which would be entrusted to it under the terms of the draft resolution would be in the form of co-operation offered by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, as requested under operative paragraph 7. This co-operation would take the form inter alia of the collection, compilation and evaluation of data relating to the subject matter of the draft resolution, in collaboration with relevant authorities in various States, including the nuclear technology exporting countries, as well as international organizations, and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity. The Department would also co-operate in the preparation of the report that the Institute is requested to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

5. To fulfil this responsibility, the Department would require the services of one consultant in the field of nuclear physics and nuclear technology at the P-5 level for a period of six months to undertake technical research, involving travel to various nuclear-technology exporting countries, international organizations and the Organization of African Unity, in order to collect, compile and evaluate the relevant data. The related estimated cost of the fee and travel of the consultant would amount to \$40,500.

6. It is envisaged that there would be a need for approximately 100 pages of source material to be translated into English on a contractual basis. The related cost is estimated at \$4,600.

7. The provisions made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 for the implementation of programme element 3.2 "Studies on disarmament and their follow-up", including a provision of \$129,500 for consultant services, have been earmarked for the preparation of four studies on other subjects mentioned in paragraph 2B.20 of document A/38/6. The costs stated in paragraph 5 above could therefore not be absorbed. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/38/L.67/Rev.2, an additional appropriation of \$45,100 would be required under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985, comprising \$40,500 for the consultant and \$4,600 for contractual translation.
