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CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/33/L.34/Rev.1

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

1. At its 51st meeting on 30 November 1978 the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/33/L.34/Rev.1, as orally revised, after considering the financial implications shown in document A/C.2/33/L.48.
2. Under operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to entrust the over-all intergovernmental review of technical co-operation among developing countries within the United Nations system to a high-level meeting of representatives of all States participating in the United Nations Development Programme to be convened by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in accordance with the provisions of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and request him to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the organizational and substantive arrangements for the first meeting, to be held in 1980.
3. Recommendation 37 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action which is contained in the report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries 1/ states that the high-level meetings should, after annual meetings in 1980 and 1981, be held biennially, and that they should be held in the same place as, and prior to, sessions of the UNDP Governing Council.

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4. Since the Governing Council convenes twice in any year, once in New York and once in Geneva, the option to hold the meetings in either location would exist pursuant to recommendation 37. Assumptions regarding the structure of the meetings are listed below:

(a) The meetings would be held in Geneva in 1980 and New York in 1981; subsequent meetings would be scheduled biennially;

(b) The duration of the meetings would be five days each;

(c) There would be two meetings per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon;

(d) Translation and interpretation would be provided in five languages, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

5. The cost of the first two meetings to be held in Geneva in 1980 and New York in 1981 are estimated in tables 1 and 2 which follow:

Table 1Cost of meeting held in Geneva in 1980

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Rate</u> \$	\$	\$	\$
<u>I. Pre-session</u> CEFRS 264 pp (processed in NY)						
Translators	8	37	154	45 600		
Revisers	4	37	165	24 400		
Typists: non-local	8	37	51	15 100		
local	1	26	33	900	86 000	
Travel	20				24 000	110 000
<u>II. In-session</u> CEFRS 50 pp						
Translators	8	5	178	7 100		
Revisers	4	5	200	4 000		
Typists: non-local	9	5	79	3 600	14 700	
Interpreters						
Salaries	16	7	240		26 900	
Conference staff	2	5	79		800	
General Services	2	5	79		800	43 200
<u>III. Post-session</u> CEFRS 40 pp (processed in NY)						
Translators	8	5	154	6 200		
Revisers	4	5	165	3 300		
Typists: non-local	8	5	51	2 100		
local	1	4	33	200		11 800
Reproduction and distribution						<u>19 300</u>
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Table 2Cost of meeting held in New York in 1981

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Rate</u> \$	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
I. <u>Pre-session</u> CEFRS 264 pp						
Translators	8	37	162	48 000		
Revisers	4	37	173	25 600		
Typists: non-local	8	27	54	16 000		
local	1	26	35	900	90 500	
Travel	20				26 000	116 500
II. <u>In-session</u> CEFRS 50 pp						
Translators	8	5	162	6 500		
Revisers	4	5	173	3 500		
Typists: non-local	8	5	54	2 200		
local	1	5	35	200	12 400	
Interpreters						
Salaries	16	7	212	23 800		
Travel	16			20 800	44 600	
Conference staff	2	5	35		400	
General Services					5 100	62 500
III. <u>Post-session</u> CEFRS 40 pp						
Translators	8	5	162	6 500		
Revisers	4	5	173	3 500		
Typists: non-local	8	5	54	2 200		
local	1	4	35	200		12 400
Reproduction and distribution						20 900
						<u>212 300</u>

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6. Recommendation 37 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action provides no indication of the proposed length of the high-level meetings. Therefore, since the basic module used for costing conference services is the 10-meeting week, the Secretary-General has assumed a duration of five days during which two meetings a day would be held.

7. As the proposed periodic high-level meetings would be mandated by the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.34/Rev.1 by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General assumes, in the absence of any specific reference to the question in the draft resolution, that the cost of the meetings would be chargeable to the regular budget as are the costs of the Governing Council of UNDP.

8. The conference requirements presented in this statement were calculated on a full cost basis which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.34/Rev.1 as orally revised, these estimates will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement on total conference servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly toward the end of the thirty-fourth session.
