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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Financial implication of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/33/L.95/Rev.1

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

1. The Second Committee, at its 63rd meeting on 18 December 1978 adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.95/Rev.1 after considering a statement of financial implications which was given orally.
2. Under the terms of paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that a conference of plenipotentiaries on a convention on international multimodal transport be convened.
3. The estimated full cost of holding this conference has been calculated on the basis of the following assumptions:
 - The conference would be convened in Geneva for a period of four weeks;
 - Interpretation would be provided for six languages, with two teams of interpreters per language as far as regular meetings of the Conference are concerned;
 - For the meetings of the regional groups, interpretation would be provided for three languages, with one team of interpreters per language.
 - There would be 300 pages of in-session and 80 pages of pre- and post-session documentation.

On that basis, the full conference servicing costs for the Conference are estimated at \$535,000. The breakdown of this amount is shown in the annex to this statement.

4. Under operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group at its sixth session to make recommendations concerning the appropriate dates either in 1979 or 1980, for the convening of the conference.

5. Pending these recommendations, the full costs referred to in paragraph 3 above cannot be taken into account in the consolidated statement on conference servicing costs to be issued before the end of this session of the General Assembly. Should the Trade and Development Board decide at its tenth special session in March 1979 that the Conference should be held in 1979, provision for the related costs would be made in the final performance report for 1978-1979 under Section 23B, conference services, Geneva.

ANNEX

Conference servicing requirements for the Conference on
Plenipotentiaries on a Convention on International
Multimodal Transport, Geneva - 4 weeks

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>\$^a/</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Interpretation</u> (in six languages)					<u>299 096</u>
Salaries	49	28	218		
<u>Documentation</u>					
Pre-session (80 pages - A,C,E,F,R,S)					<u>34 706</u>
Salaries:					
Translation	8	14	161	18 032	
Revision	3	14	181	7 602	
Typing	9	14	72	9 072	
In-session (300 pages - A,C,E,F,R,S)					<u>127 232</u>
Salaries:					
Translation	15	28	161	67 620	
Revision	5	28	181	25 340	
Typing	17	28	72	34 272	
Post-session (80 pages - A,C,E,F,R,S)					<u>34 706</u>
Salaries:					
Translation	8	14	161	18 032	
Revision	3	14	181	7 602	
Typing	9	14	72	9 072	
<u>Reproduction</u>					<u>9 377</u>
<u>Distribution</u>					<u>4 225</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>					<u>25 254</u>
Meeting room attendants	8	26	47	9 776	
Guards	2	26	47	2 444	
Technicians - interpretation	3	26	47	3 666	
sound record	4	26	47	4 888	
Conference officers	2	28	80	4 480	
 TOTAL					 <u>534 596</u>

^a/ Assuming an exchange rate of SF 1.63 per dollar.