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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES IN  
RESPECT OF TREATIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft  
resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.4

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

1. The Sixth Committee at its 43rd meeting held on 11 November 1977 adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.4. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/32/L.7).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.4, the General Assembly would approve the convening of a resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties in Vienna for a period of three weeks from 31 July to 18 August 1978 with a possible extension of up to one further week should this prove necessary in the view of the Conference; and request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements as provided under General Assembly resolution 31/18 for the efficient servicing of the Conference.
3. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 3350 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 on the inclusion of Vienna in the pattern of conferences, Geneva was to be considered, during the period 1975-1977, as the base for purposes of calculating the additional costs of holding special conferences in Vienna. The estimates of financial implications provided below are based on both Geneva and New York, in order to enable the General Assembly to make a decision on the matter.
4. For the purpose of the estimates, the following conditions have been assumed:
  - (a) Interpretation services will be provided in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish);
  - (b) Only one meeting plus, possibly, a drafting committee meeting will be held in the mornings and another meeting plus, possibly, a drafting committee meeting will be held in the afternoons;

(c) No plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of the Committee of the Whole will be held simultaneously;

(d) The drafting committee will meet for one or two hours either before the morning meeting of the Conference or after the afternoon meeting for most of the duration of the Conference.

5. Based on these assumptions the estimated cost of the Conference would be as follows:

	Geneva		New York	
	For three weeks	For one additional week	For three weeks	For one additional week
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>I. Pre-session</u>				
Reproduction of documents	7,000	-	7,000	-
<u>II. In-session</u>				
(i) Interpretation	94,900	31,600	149,300	37,800
(ii) Translation, revision and typing	121,700	40,700	185,700	41,300
<u>III. Summary records</u>				
Précis writing, translation, revision and typing	127,800	42,800	191,300	40,900
<u>IV. Other requirements</u>				
(a) Staff				
(i) Meeting service	17,000	5,800	9,300	2,400
(ii) Supervisory and clerical	9,200	2,100	4,600	1,600
(b) Travel and subsistence of representatives of liberation movements	12,600	2,300	15,300	1,500
(c) Travel and subsistence of substantive staff	20,900	3,800	-	-
(d) Travel and subsistence of International Law Commission Special Rapporteur	1,600	400	2,500	400
<u>V. Post session</u>				
Editing, proofreading, printing and distribution of documents	247,900	-	247,900	-
Grand total	660,600	129,500	812,900	125,900

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6. The conference servicing costs included in these estimates are based at this stage on full costs as they are regarded as non-absorbable. After an evaluation of the impact of the over-all pattern of conferences proposed for 1978 in relation to existing resources, the actual level of appropriations considered necessary for the Conference will be indicated in the context of the consolidated statement to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the close of its current session.

7. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 31/140, the Austrian Government will defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

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