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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

INCENDIARY AND OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY
BE THE SUBJECT OF PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE FOR
HUMANITARIAN REASONS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/32/L.29/Rev.1

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 44th meeting held on 25 November 1977 adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/32/L.29/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/32/L.44).

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/32/L.29/Rev.1 the General Assembly would, inter alia:

(a) Decide to convene a United Nations Conference in New York in 1979, with a view to reaching agreements on prohibitions or restrictions on the use of specific conventional weapons, including those which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or have indiscriminate effects, taking into account humanitarian and military considerations and on the question of a system of periodic review of this matter and for consideration of further proposals;

(b) Decide to convene a United Nations Preparatory Conference and request the Secretary-General to transmit invitations to all States and parties invited to attend previous sessions of the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts;

(c) Recommend that the United Nations Preparatory Conference meet once in 1978 for organizational purposes and, subsequently, with the task of establishing the best possible substantive basis for the achievement at the United Nations

Conference of agreements as envisaged in this resolution and of considering organizational matters relating to the holding of the United Nations Conference;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to assist the United Nations Preparatory Conference in its work.

3. The estimated costs provided hereunder relate only to the Preparatory Conference proposed for 1978 and are based on the following assumptions:

(a) The Preparatory Conference would be held from 24 July to 11 August 1978;

(b) Two meetings per day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) would be held during the first week;

(c) Four meetings per day (two in the morning and two in the afternoon) would be held during the second and third weeks;

(d) Verbatim reports for plenary meetings would be provided during the whole duration of the Conference;

(e) Summary records would be provided for one or more subsidiary bodies during the second and third weeks of the Conference. However, if two or more subsidiary bodies were established, they would not meet at the same time;

(f) Estimated costs for the United Nations Conference to be convened in 1979 would be provided after the meeting of the Preparatory Conference when the requirements of the Conference are more definite and would be reported to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

4. Based on the above assumptions the costs of servicing the Preparatory Conference would be as follows:

	\$	\$
I. Pre-session:		
(i) Translation, revision and typing (5 work weeks, 2 1/2 work weeks and 6 work weeks, respectively)	9,400	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>1,400</u>	10,800
II. In-session:		
(i) Interpretation (20 interpreters during first week and 40 during second and third weeks)	125,200	
(ii) Translation, revision and typing (10 translators, 5 revisers and 11 typists)	76,500	

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(iii) Reproduction and distribution	7,200	
(iv) Other staff - conference officers and documents clerks	1,800	
(v) Office of General Services Sound technicians, security service and general operating expenses	<u>14,400</u>	225,100

III. Summary records:

(i) Précis-writing, translation, revision and typing (22 précis-writers/translators, 6 revisers and 30 typists)	142,200	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>41,300</u>	183,500

IV. Verbatim records:

(i) Verbatim reporting, revision and typing	160,300	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution (25 reporters, 7 revisers and 23 typists)	<u>77,500</u>	237,800

V. Post-session:

(i) Translation, revision and typing (15 work weeks, 7 1/2 work weeks and 18 work weeks, respectively)	25,600	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>3,900</u>	<u>29,500</u>

Grand total		<u><u>686,700</u></u>
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5. The conference servicing costs indicated above are based at this stage at full cost, i.e. on the assumption that they would be non-absorbable. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the pattern of conferences for 1978 is considered, it will be indicated, in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted at that time, to what extent the costs dealt with in the present report can be absorbed within existing resources.
