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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/44/L.12

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

1. At its 44th meeting, on 21 November 1989, the Sixth Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.6/44/L.12. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.6/44/L.19.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 of draft resolution A/C.6/44/L.12 of 17 November 1989, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization would hold its next session from 12 February to 3 March 1990;

(b) Request the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

(c) Decide to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

3. The activities proposed fall under chapter 3, "International justice and law", programme 3, "Progressive development and codification of international law", subprogramme 2, "Study of legal questions and elaboration of codification instruments" of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 as revised. 1/ Provision has been made under section 26, "Legal activities", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 2/ for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee as outlined in programme element 2.2, "Substantive servicing of meetings", under programme 3, "Progressive development and codification of international law", which is carried out by the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. It is assumed that, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.6/44/L.12, the Special Committee would hold a three-week session from 12 February to 3 March 1990 in New York. The meeting would require the provision of interpretation in the six official languages of the General Assembly. There would be 30 pages (4 documents) of pre-session documentation, 60 pages (15 documents) of in-session and 32 pages (1 document) of post-session documentation to be issued in the six official languages of the General Assembly.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

5. The related conference-servicing requirements are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$242,400 broken down as follows:

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I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (30 pages of 4 documents in A,C,E,F,R,S)	30 100
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	120 200
III. <u>In-session documentation</u> (60 pages of 15 documents in A,C,E,F,R,S)	61 400
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (32 pages of 1 document in A,C,E,F,R,S)	<u>30 700</u>
Total	<u>242 400</u>

E. Potential for absorption

6. The above cost estimates are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 of the proposed programme budget and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. 3/ However, as indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the proposed programme budget, 4/ the 1990-1991 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that were programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional cost would be incurred under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.6/44/L.12.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1).

2/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 32 (A/44/32 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II.

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. II, sect. 29.
