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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.39

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

1. The Third Committee, at its 59th meeting of 27 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.39 as amended by the proposals contained in document A/C.3/34/L.43 as orally amended.
2. Under paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.39, as amended, the General Assembly would decide to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Development and Peace, to be composed of 23 Member States nominated by the Chairman of the Third Committee of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.
3. Under paragraph 4 of the same draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, in accordance with the proposals made by Member States and in consultation with all specialized agencies and interested international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as youth organizations, a draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year.
4. Under paragraph 5 of the same resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to convene three meetings of the Advisory Committee between 1980 and 1985 to formulate, for consideration by the General Assembly, a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year on the basis of a draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General, and under paragraph 6, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee in 1980 and to submit the report on its first session to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

5. The Secretary-General would therefore propose to convene the Advisory Committee in August 1980 which should allow adequate time for the necessary preparations to be made. Subsequent meetings would be convened on the basis of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session in the context of its review of the report of the first session of the Advisory Committee. Accordingly, conference servicing costs have been estimated for the convening of only one meeting of the Advisory Committee in the 1980-1981 biennium, and should further meetings be convened in 1980-1981 as a result of decisions taken by the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly the necessary appropriations would be requested at that time. Conference servicing costs for the convening of the first meeting of the Advisory Committee are estimated at \$110,300 in 1980 based on the following assumptions:

(a) That the Committee would meet in Vienna for a period of 10 days;

(b) That interpretation would be provided in English, French, Russian and Spanish;

(c) That pre-session and in-session documentation would be in English, French, Russian and Spanish, and post-session documentation would be in all six working languages of the General Assembly;

(d) That the cost of travel and attendance of members of the Advisory Committee would be borne by their respective Governments.

6. These conference requirements were calculated on a full cost basis 1/ which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services. These requirements 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.

7. Provision would also need to be made to enable the attendance at the Advisory Committee of (a) one staff member of the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters who would serve as secretary of the Advisory Committee, (b) one representative of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, and (c) one representative each from ECA, ECLA, ECWA and ESCAP. The estimated cost would be \$1,800 for OSSECS, \$1,800 for DIESA, and \$9,100 in 1980 for the regional commissions.

8. With regard to the draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year, the Secretary-General believes that, in view of the consultations required for the elaboration and bearing in mind that the Advisory Committee would have to meet prior to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly so that its report would be made available to that session of the General Assembly, he would be in a position to submit only a preliminary draft programme to the first session of the Advisory Committee. In the light of the observations of the Advisory Committee at its first session and of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, he would then proceed to elaborate a comprehensive draft programme, which would be submitted to the Advisory Committee at its second session.

1/ As detailed in the annex.

9. The preparation of the draft programme called for in paragraph 4 of the draft resolution is not included in the 1980-1981 programme budget proposals of the Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs Programme of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs. The Secretary-General, nevertheless, does not intend to request additional resources for its preparation. The absorption in the work programme of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs may, however, require certain programme adjustments which would be reflected in the programme performance report on the biennium 1980-1981.

10. In paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would also be requested to continue to take concrete measures through all the communications media at his disposal to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth. Pending the completion by the Advisory Committee of a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, this request will be taken into account in the activities to be undertaken by the Department of Public Information in 1980. When the Advisory Committee has made its recommendations on the size and scope of the information programme for the Year, then the Secretary-General would be in a position to indicate any additional requirements to the General Assembly at the same time that the Advisory Committee's proposed programme is submitted. With regard to press coverage of the meetings of the Advisory Committee, on the assumption that those meetings would not overlap with meetings of other United Nations bodies, no additional resources would be required. However, if that assumption is not realized, the additional requirements for temporary assistance at the rate of \$1,035 per week of meetings would be taken into account in the performance report on the programme budget.

11. The administrative and financial requirements in respect of further meetings of the Advisory Committee in 1982-1983 would be presented in the context of the programme budget proposals for the biennium 1982-1983 as non-recurrent items of expenditure.

12. The adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.39 as amended would give rise to expenditures estimated at \$12,700 for which an additional appropriation would be required under section 6 of the programme budget for 1980-1981. This amount is exclusive of conference servicing costs estimated at \$110,300 and which, as indicated in paragraph 5 above, will be reviewed within the context of the consolidated statement on total conference servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.

Annex

CONFERENCE SERVICING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF
 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR*

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Rate</u> \$	\$	<u>Total</u>
<u>Interpretation</u> (EFRS)					
Salaries (including subsistence)	12	14	206	34 608	
Travel	12	-	500	6 000	
Subsistence	12	14	61	<u>10 248</u>	
					50 856
<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (EFRS) (30 pages)					
Salaries					
Translation	3	9	171	4 617	
Revision	3	2	190	1 140	
Typing - non-local recruits	4	9	69	<u>2 484</u>	
					8 241
<u>In-session documentation</u> (EFRS) (40 pages)					
Salaries					
Translation	3	12	171	6 156	
Revision	3	3	190	1 710	
Typing - non-local recruits	4	12	69	3 312	
Travel	10		500	5 000	
Subsistence	10		61	<u>5 673</u>	
					21 851

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Rate</u> \$	\$	<u>Total</u>
<u>Post-session documentation (ACEFRS)</u> (40 pages)					
Salaries					
Translation	5	14	171	11 970	
Revision	5	5	190	4 750	
Typing - non-local recruits	6	14	69	<u>5 796</u>	
					22 516
<u>Reproduction and distribution</u>				<u>3 780</u>	3 780
<u>Other conference staff</u>					
Conference officer	1	10	51	510	
Document clerks	1	10	51	510	
General Services				1 020	1 020
				2 000	<u>2 000</u>
					<u><u>110 264</u></u>

* Assumes servicing by Geneva Conference Services with pre- and post-session documentation being produced in Geneva.
