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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.55/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 55th meeting held on 7 December 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.55/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/34/L.58 and Corr.1).

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.55/Rev.1 of 5 December 1979 the General Assembly would, <u>inter alia</u>, request the Secretary-General to prepare, with the help of a group of government experts, a report for the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the extent of the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and on actions which should be undertaken by the General Assembly in order to secure full compliance with the provisions of that Declaration.

3. To carry out the requested report, the Secretary-General intends to invite 10 government experts who would hold two meetings in New York: one from 24 to 28 March 1980; the other from 11 to 15 August 1980.

4. Based on the assumptions that the experts will be paid travel and a daily subsistence allowance at the equivalent of D-1 and that meetings will last one week each, the travel and subsistence expenses involved would amount to \$71,000.

5. Meetings of the group of experts would require the provision of interpretation in all official languages of the subsidiary machinery of the

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General Assembly and translation of pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of a total volume of 100 pages. The related conference servicing cost would amount to \$94,800.

6. The estimated costs indicated in paragraph 4 above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1980 is considered, it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of servicing requirements to be submitted at that time to what extent the costs in respect of conference servicing dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.55/Rev.1, the Secretary-General would request at this stage additional appropriations under section 2B for travel and subsistence of government experts in an amount of \$71,000.

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