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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Administrative and financial implications of the report of the Working Group of the Whole on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women contained in document A/C.3/34/14

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 73rd meeting on 7 December 1979 adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.75. By paragraph 1 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would adopt and open for signature, ratification and accession the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. ^{1/} The Third Committee had earlier at its 72nd meeting of 6 December adopted the draft Convention and amendments thereto. In particular the Third Committee adopted the Bangladesh proposal and also the Swedish proposals under part V of the draft Convention as revised and as amended. The Third Committee had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications in document A/C.3/34/L.78.

2. The provisions under part V of the Convention for convening of a "body" for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention would, if adopted by the General Assembly, give rise to administrative and financial implications. However, inasmuch as the adoption of the Convention would not result in its entry into force until the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession, it is not possible to foresee at this stage the date of the establishment of the aforementioned "body" that would review the progress made in its implementation. No appropriation would therefore be requested at the current

^{1/} The draft Convention appears in annex I of A/C.3/34/14.

session of the General Assembly on the understanding that should the draft Convention be adopted and subsequently enter into force during the biennium 1980-1981, and thus give rise to expenditures, these would be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the performance report.

3. Under part V of the Convention, for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention, a committee would be established consisting, at the time of entry into force of the Convention, of 18 and, after its ratification or accession by the thirty-fifth State Party, of 23 experts who would serve in their personal capacity. The Committee would meet for a period of not more than two weeks annually and would, through the Economic and Social Council, submit its report to the General Assembly. The initial election of 18 members would be held six months after the date of entry into force of the Convention at a meeting of States Parties convened by the Secretary-General at Headquarters and the election of the additional five members would be held following the thirty-fifth ratification or accession at a meeting of States Parties convened by the Secretary-General at Headquarters.

4. Conference servicing costs for the first meeting of States Parties are based on the assumptions that the meeting would last one day and that there would be 40 pages of pre-session, five pages of in-session and five pages of post-session documentation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish and interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The estimated conference servicing requirements of the meeting, on the basis of full costing, is \$59,200. Conference servicing costs for the second meeting of States Parties, based on the assumptions that the meeting would last one day, and that there would be 30 pages of pre-session, five pages of in-session documentation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish and five pages of post-session documentation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, are estimated at \$60,500.

5. Conference servicing costs for each session of the Committee based on the assumptions that each session would last for two weeks and that there would be 250 pages of pre-session and 75 pages of in-session documentation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, 50 pages of post-session documentation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, are estimated at \$227,300 per session or \$454,600 per biennium.

6. The cost of travel and subsistence of members of the Committee is estimated at \$47,000 for 18 members and \$60,000 for 23 members for each session of the Committee, or \$120,000 per biennium.

7. The Bangladesh proposal as adopted by the Third Committee provides that members of the Committee would, with the approval of the General Assembly, receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly might decide. Under the terms of this proposal and bearing in mind the arrangements relating to the payment of honoraria to the members of the Human Rights Committee, the Chairman of the Committee would receive \$2,500 and each member \$1,000 annually. Should this proposal be adopted, it would have a further financial implication to the regular budget of the Organization amounting to \$49,000 per biennium.

8. In summary, costs related to the adoption of the Convention would be composed of the initial costs for two meetings to elect members of the Committee and continuing costs to provide conference servicing, travel and honoraria for the Committee;

(a) The initial costs would be \$119,700

(b) The continuing costs per biennium would be as follows:

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| (i) Conference servicing | \$454,600 |
| (ii) Travel and subsistence of members | 120,000 |
| (iii) Honorarium | 49,000 |
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| Total per biennium | <u>\$623,600</u> |

As indicated above in paragraph 2 no appropriation is presently being requested in respect of these amounts pending the determination of actual requirements in the light of the progress achieved in ratification of the Convention.

First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the
 Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

| | <u>Number of staff</u> | <u>Number of days</u> | <u>Daily rate</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| <u>Interpretation</u> CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | 16 | 3 | 211 | 10 128 | |
| Travel | 16 | | | 17 200 | 27 328 |
| <u>Documentation</u> | | | | | |
| Pre-session 40 pages CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | |
| Translation | 4 | 12 | 163 | 7 824 | |
| Revision | 4 | 5 | 174 | 3 480 | |
| Typing - non-local | 4 | 12 | 48 | 2 304 | |
| local | 1 | 4 | 30 | 120 | 13 728 |
| In-session 5 pages CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | |
| Translation | 4 | 1 | 163 | 652 | |
| Revision | 4 | 1 | 174 | 696 | |
| Typing - non-local | 4 | 1 | 48 | 192 | |
| local | 1 | 1 | 30 | 30 | 1 570 |
| Post-session 5 pages CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | |
| Translation | 4 | 1 | 163 | 652 | |
| Revision | 4 | 1 | 174 | 696 | |
| Typing - non-local | 4 | 1 | 48 | 192 | |
| local | 1 | 1 | 30 | 30 | 1 570 |
| <u>Reproduction/distribution</u> | | | | | 1 600 |
| <u>Other conference staff</u> | 2 | 1 | 30 | | 60 |
| <u>General services costs</u> | | | | | 400 |
| <u>Travel of non-local staff</u> | 12 | | | | 12 900 |
| <u>Total</u> | | | | | <u>59 156</u> |

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Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the
 Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

| | <u>Number of staff</u> | <u>Number of days</u> | <u>Daily rate</u> | \$ | \$ | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----|--------|---------------|
| | | | | \$ | | \$ |
| <u>Interpretation</u> CEFRS | | | | | | |
| Salaries | 16 | 3 | 211 | | 10 128 | |
| Travel | 16 | | | | 17 200 | 27 328 |
| <u>Documentation</u> | | | | | | |
| Pre-session 30 pages CEFRS | | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | | |
| Translation | 4 | 10 | 163 | | 6 520 | |
| Revision | 4 | 4 | 174 | | 2 784 | |
| Typing - non-local | 4 | 10 | 48 | | 1 920 | |
| local | 1 | 3 | 30 | | 90 | 11 314 |
| In-session 5 pages CEFRS | | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | | |
| Translation | 4 | 1 | 163 | | 652 | |
| Revision | 4 | 1 | 174 | | 696 | |
| Typing - non-local | 4 | 1 | 48 | | 192 | |
| local | 1 | 1 | 30 | | 30 | 1 570 |
| Post-session 5 pages ACEFRS | | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | | |
| Translation | 5 | 1 | 163 | | 815 | |
| Revision | 5 | 1 | 174 | | 870 | |
| Typing - non-local | 5 | 1 | 48 | | 240 | |
| local | 1 | 1 | 30 | | 30 | 1 955 |
| <u>Reproduction/distribution</u> | | | | | | 1 700 |
| <u>Other conference staff</u> | 2 | 1 | 30 | | | 60 |
| <u>General services costs</u> | | | | | | 400 |
| <u>Travel of non-local staff</u> | | | | | | 16 125 |
| Total | | | | | | <u>60 452</u> |

Committee on Implementation of the Convention on
the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

| | <u>Number of staff</u> | <u>Number of days</u> | <u>Daily rate</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| <u>Interpretation</u> CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | 16 | 14 | 211 | 47 264 | |
| Travel | 16 | | | 17 200 | 64 464 |
| <u>Documentation</u> | | | | | |
| Pre-session 250 pages CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | |
| Translation | 8 | 35 | 163 | 45 640 | |
| Revision | 4 | 23 | 174 | 16 008 | |
| Typing - non-local | 8 | 35 | 48 | 13 440 | |
| local | 1 | 25 | 30 | 750 | 75 838 |
| In-session 75 pages CEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | |
| Translation | 8 | 12 | 163 | 15 648 | |
| Revision | 4 | 9 | 174 | 6 264 | |
| Typing - non-local | 8 | 12 | 48 | 4 608 | |
| local | 1 | 10 | 30 | 300 | 26 820 |
| Post-session 50 pages ACEFRS | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | | |
| Translation | 10 | 5 | 163 | 8 150 | |
| Revision | 5 | 4 | 174 | 3 480 | |
| Typing - non-local | 10 | 5 | 48 | 2 400 | |
| local | 1 | 5 | 30 | 150 | 14 180 |
| <u>Reproduction/distribution</u> | | | | | 13 905 |
| <u>Other conference staff</u> | 2 | 10 | 30 | | 600 |
| <u>General services costs</u> | | | | | 4 000 |
| <u>Travel of non-local staff</u> | | | | | 27 500 |
| Total | | | | | <u>227 307</u> |
