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INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.44

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

1. At its 62nd meeting, on 4 December 1990, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.44, as orally revised, without a vote. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.3/45/L.67.
2. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.44, the General Assembly would:
 - (a) Request the Secretary-General to create a single drug control programme, to be called the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, based at Vienna, and to integrate fully therein the structures and the functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) with the objective of enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control in keeping with the functions and mandates of the United Nations in this field (operative para. 3);
 - (b) Invite the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps in order to appoint a senior official at the level of Under-Secretary-General, who would execute the integration process and head the new integrated Programme starting from 1 January 1991 with the exclusive responsibility for co-ordinating and providing effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in order to ensure coherence of actions within the Programme as well as co-ordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system (operative para. 4);

(c) Invite the Secretary-General to structure the United Nations International Drug Control Programme along the following lines:

- (i) Treaty implementation, which would integrate, with due consideration to treaty arrangements, the functions of the secretariat of INCB and the treaty implementation functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, taking into account the independent role of INCB;
- (ii) Policy implementation and research, with responsibility for implementing policy decisions of the relevant legislative bodies and conducting analytical work;
- (iii) Operational activities, with responsibility for co-ordinating and carrying out the technical co-operation projects currently being executed mainly by UNFDAC, the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the INCB secretariat (operative para. 5);

(d) Endorse the proposal of the Secretary-General to place the financial resources of the existing UNFDAC under the direct responsibility of the head of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities, mainly in developing countries (operative para. 6).

3. It will be recalled that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/141 of 15 December 1989, the Secretary-General submitted a report on the enhancement of the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (A/45/652). The report outlined the organizational and administrative measures the Secretary-General intended to take to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control. In that report, the Secretary-General also stated that the programme budget implications relating to the creation of a unified structure for drug abuse control would consist solely of the creation, under the regular budget, of a post at the Assistant Secretary-General level. However, in the light of the invitation from the Assembly to take the necessary steps to appoint a senior official at the level of Under-Secretary-General, the establishment of a post at the Under-Secretary-General level would be required.

4. As regards the requests contained in operative paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 of the draft resolution, as enumerated in paragraph 2 above, the Secretary-General notes that they are in line with the administrative arrangements which he, as Chief Administrative Officer, intends to put into effect, as described in his report.

5. The additional requirements for the establishment of a post at the Under-Secretary-General level would amount to \$83,900 for 1991. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.44, an additional appropriation of \$83,900 would be required under section 20 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

6. Under the new budget process established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and, in effect, starting with the 1990-1991 biennium, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate

additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available within the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its forty-fifth session.

7. It has not been possible to identify in the current programme budget resources for redeployment from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities to meet the additional costs relating to the establishment of an Under-Secretary-General post; consequently, if resources are not available from the contingency fund, the establishment of a post at the Under-Secretary-General level would be deferred.

8. In addition, an amount of \$23,900 would be required under section 31, Staff assessment, to be offset by income in the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
