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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH
SPECIAL SESSION

Economic and social consequences of the arms race
and military expenditures

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/41/L.39

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

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 40th meeting, on 11 November 1986, the First Committee adopted by a recorded vote of 119 to 1, with 13 abstentions, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/41/L.39. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/41/L.76.
2. In operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/41/L.39, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General to bring up to date the report entitled Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race and Military Expenditures, 1/ under the conditions provided in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of resolution 40/150 of 16 December 1985 and to present the updated report to the Assembly at its forty-third session.
3. It will be recalled that, by its resolution 40/150, the General Assembly had requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to bring up to date, with the assistance of a group of qualified experts appointed by him and making appropriate

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use of the capabilities of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in a consultant capacity, the report on the same subject and to submit the report to the Assembly at its forty-second session. By decision of the Assembly at its resumed fortieth session, the study was deferred as one of the economy measures proposed by the Secretary-General.

B. Relationship of proposed request to approved programme of work

4. The activities proposed would fall under chapter 1, Political and Security Council Affairs activities, programme 2, Activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, subprogramme 3, Studies on disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, and in section 2.B., Disarmament Affairs activities, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, and of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, programme element 3.2 of subprogramme 3, Studies on disarmament, which covers the preparation for and execution of various studies requested by the General Assembly.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General, in order to implement operative paragraph 1, would establish a group consisting of 12 qualified consultant experts appointed by him, bearing in mind the need to achieve appropriate political and geographical balance. In order to provide consultant capacity, UNIDIR would have to engage an appropriate person or persons experienced in research work in the fields of the economic and social consequences of the arms race and able to draft well. The Director of UNIDIR would exercise supervision over the product of the consultant(s).

6. The group of experts would hold three sessions in 1987 and 1988 as follows:

- (a) A session of one week's duration (16 to 20 March 1987) in New York;
- (b) A session of two weeks' duration (November/December 1987) at Geneva;
- (c) A session of two weeks' duration (April 1988) in New York.

7. With regard to the second session, it is noted that, in accordance with section I, paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly. Consequently, the second session of the group would have to be convened at Geneva.

8. It is assumed that the related conference services would be provided for the sessions on the following basis:

- (a) The group would hold two meetings a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon;

(b) Interpretation would be provided in the six official languages of the General Assembly;

(c) There would be a total of 260 pages (five documents) of documentation to be issued in the six official languages.

9. The Secretary-General would authorize payment of travel costs and subsistence allowances for the 12 experts participating in the sessions.

10. To assist the Secretariat in updating the technical and economic data for the multidisciplinary issues involved in the study, it is estimated that four months of consultancy services would be required. The consultant would be an individual thoroughly familiar with the three earlier United Nations studies on the subject and capable of presenting data and analysis in a balanced and knowledgeable way. The consultant would be expected to prepare for the first session of the Group a background paper on the latest trends in military expenditures and their consequences. Thereafter, the consultant would assist the Secretariat in preparing the successive drafts, absorbing the inputs from the group itself, as necessary. A minimum consultancy period of four months would be required in order to enable the consultant to cover all the three sessions of the group and spend a short time for collection, compilation and evaluation of relevant data.

11. It is envisaged that the Secretary of the Group would be appointed from the staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs in New York. In order to enable the Secretary to attend the group's session at Geneva, provision for travel and subsistence allowance costs in the amount of \$3,800 would be required.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

12. The activities of the proposal involving the permanent staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs fall under section 2.B., subprogramme 3.2, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Consequently, no modifications to that programme element are required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

13. The requirements to undertake the activities contained in paragraphs 5 to 11 above are as follows:

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
	\$	\$
(a) On a full cost basis, the conference-servicing costs (see annex for breakdown) arising from the sessions of the group of consultant experts:		
(i) One-week session in New York (March 1987)	60 200	-
(ii) Two-week session in Geneva (November/December 1987)	147 300	-
(iii) Two-week session in New York (April 1988)	-	323 100
Total (a)	<u>207 500</u>	<u>323 100</u>

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
	\$	\$
(b) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for the 12 consultant experts for a one-week session in New York and two-week session at Geneva in 1987 (\$76,600) and a two-week session in New York in 1988 (\$50,000)	76 600	50 000
(c) Travel and daily subsistence allowance costs for the Secretary of the Group to service the two-week session at Geneva in 1987	3 800	-
(d) Four work-months of consultancy services to undertake technical research to collect, compile and evaluate the relevant data, to prepare draft material and to attend the sessions of the expert group in New York (\$12,400 in 1987 and \$13,300, in 1988, including travel and daily subsistence allowance for attendance at sessions)	12 400	13 300
(e) One work-month of temporary assistance for secretarial support at the General Service level (1988)	<u>-</u>	<u>2 400</u>
Total (b, c, d, e)	<u>92 800</u>	<u>65 700</u>

F. Potential for absorption

14. No programme element under any subprogramme within section 2.B (Department for Disarmament Affairs) of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to implement the draft resolution. The additional requirements, amounting to \$66,500 for 1988, would be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

G. Request for additional appropriation

15. Following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 40/150, an appropriation of \$119,000 was approved under section 2.B. Of this amount, \$82,100 related to requirements in 1986 and \$36,900 to requirements in 1987. Within the provision for 1986 (\$82,100) an amount of \$64,000 related to the holding of the first two sessions of the expert group in 1986, which were deferred, and committed to meet the Organization's funding shortfall in 1986 as indicated in paragraph 3 above.

16. On that basis, the additional appropriation under section 2.B of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 required to meet the 1987 requirements detailed in paragraph 13 above is estimated at \$37,800, broken down between ad hoc expert groups (\$34,000) and travel of staff (\$3,800). The 1988 requirements would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

17. Estimates of conference-servicing costs are provided on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available from existing resources. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted, through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1987, as finally approved by the Assembly.

Notes

1/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.IX.2.

Annex

**ESTIMATED COST OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THREE SESSIONS
OF THE GROUP OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS
(Draft resolution A/C.1/41/L.39)**

	1987 First session (New York, one week) <u>\$</u>	1987 Second session (Geneva, two weeks) <u>\$</u>	1988 Third session (New York, two weeks) <u>\$</u>
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u>			
(60 pages, 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S)	-	54 600	-
(90 pages, 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S)	-	-	105 200
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u>			
(Interpretation, A,C,E,F,R,S)	43 900	82 700	91 000
III. <u>In-session documentation</u>			
(10 pages, 2 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	11 000	-	-
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u>			
(100 pages, 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S)	-	-	116 900
V. <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	<u>5 300</u>	<u>10 000</u>	<u>10 000</u>
Total	<u><u>60 200</u></u>	<u><u>147 300</u></u>	<u><u>323 100</u></u>
