



General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.3/41/L.84
21 November 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-first session
THIRD COMMITTEE
Agenda item 12

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights
and dignity of all migrant workers

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.3/41/L.79

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. By operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.79 the General Assembly would decide that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the open-ended Working Group engaged in the drafting of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families should again hold an intersessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council.

2. By operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Working Group should meet during the forty-second session of the Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, in order to continue the second reading of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families.

B. Relationship of proposed request to current legislative mandates

3. The activities referred to would fall under chapter 6, programme: Centre for Human Rights, subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and

protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", the objectives and strategy of which are outlined in paragraph 6.27 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989.

4. The following programme element of subprogramme 2 in section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 provides for the activities referred to above:

Programme element 2.1 - Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups

Output (xiii) - Substantive servicing of the Working Group of the General Assembly engaged in the drafting of a convention on the human rights of migrant workers and their families.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

5. The open-ended Working Group would hold 20 meetings, either in New York or Geneva as determined by the General Assembly at its current session, during the two weeks immediately following the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1987, and would hold another 12 meetings in New York during the early part of the forty-second session of the General Assembly.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work

6. No modification in the approved programme of work would be required in 1987 since the substantive servicing of this Working Group already appears under programme element 2.1.

E. Additional requirements at full-cost

7. If the General Assembly were to decide that the Working Group should hold 20 meetings in New York in the two weeks immediately following the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1987, the conference-servicing requirements would amount to \$297,200 on a full-cost basis, broken down as follows, on the assumption that both the pre- and post-session documentation would be prepared in Geneva:

	<u>\$</u>
I. Pre-session documentation (Geneva) (60 pages, 3 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	45 500
II. Meeting servicing (New York) (20 meetings) (Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	88 800
III. In-session documentation (New York) (100 pages, 10 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	96 100
IV. Post-session documentation (Geneva) (60 pages, 2 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	43 500
V. Office of General Services requirements	<u>23 800</u>
Total	<u><u>297 700</u></u>

8. It should be noted that a decision to hold the intersessional meeting of the Working Group in New York would constitute an exception to the provision of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which "United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters". Since the substantive secretariat for this meeting is located in Geneva, the established headquarters of the Working Group during its intersessional meeting would be Geneva. The conference-servicing requirements for holding the meeting in Geneva would amount to \$252,900 broken down as follows:

	<u>\$</u>
I. Pre-session documentation (Geneva) (60 pages, 3 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	45 500
II. Meeting servicing (Geneva) (20 meetings) (Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	84 000
III. In-session documentation (Geneva) (100 pages, 10 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	66 800
IV. Post-session documentation (Geneva) (60 pages, 2 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	43 500
V. Office of General Services requirements	<u>3 100</u>
Total	<u><u>252 900</u></u>

/...

9. On the assumption that the Working Group would hold another 12 meetings in New York during the forty-second session of the General Assembly and that pre-session documentation only would be processed at Geneva, the conference-servicing requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis, would be \$237,000 broken down as follows:

	<u>\$</u>
I. Pre-session documentation (Geneva) (60 pages, 2 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	44 800
II. Meeting servicing (New York) (12 meetings) (Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	53 300
III. In-session documentation (New York) (100 pages, 10 documents) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	96 100
IV. Post-session documentation (New York) (30 pages, 1 document) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	28 500
V. Office of General Services requirements	<u>14 300</u>
Total	<u><u>237 000</u></u>

10. In addition, should the intersessional meeting of the Working Group be held in New York, travel and subsistence costs for one substantive officer from the Centre for Human Rights to service the meeting would amount to \$3,300. The substantive servicing of the Working Group during the forty-second session of the General Assembly would entail subsistence costs only, estimated at \$1,200, since one officer of the Centre for Human Rights would have to travel to New York in any case to provide substantive service to the Third Committee.

F. Potential for absorption

11. The Secretariat intends to absorb the travel and subsistence costs mentioned in paragraph 9 from within resources already provided for the 1986-1987 programme budget.

G. Net resource requirements

12. The conference-servicing requirements listed above would amount to \$534,700 if both sessions were to be held in New York, or \$489,900 if the intersessional meeting were to be held in Geneva and the sessional meeting in New York. The actual appropriation that might be required under section 29 to cover these conference-servicing costs would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.
