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Preparatory Committee - International
Development Strategy

Administrative and financial implications of
the draft resolution contained in document
A/C.2/33/L.101

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

1. At its 63rd meeting on 18 December 1978, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/33/L.101 without a vote. A representative of the Budget Division presented an oral statement of financial implications, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. In operative paragraph 1 (part II) of draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.101, the General Assembly would decide to establish a preparatory committee for the preparation of the new International Development Strategy, which should be provided with the necessary conference facilities and should hold an organizational session early in 1979 at United Nations Headquarters.
3. If the General Assembly approves the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would arrange to convene four sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 1979, as follows:
 - (a) An organizational session in January lasting 5 working days;
 - (b) First session in March lasting 10 working days;
 - (c) Second session in June lasting 10 working days;
 - (d) Third session in September lasting 5 working days.

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4. The full cost of holding these meetings is estimated on the basis of the following assumptions:

- (a) That the sessions would be held at Headquarters, New York;
- (b) That no simultaneous meetings would be held;
- (c) That summary records would not be provided;
- (d) That sound recordings would be provided in English and in the language of the floor;
- (e) That interpretation would be provided in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish;
- (f) That post-session documentation would be produced in six languages.

5. Conference servicing full costs based on the assumptions in paragraph 3 would, as shown in the following table, amount to approximately \$245,000 at 1978 prices. The Secretary-General estimates that conference costs for 1979 would, as a result of inflation, reach \$252,000 for the four meetings listed in paragraph 2.

Conference servicing full cost

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>	
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>					
(200 pages - C,E,F,R,S)					
Translators	4	55	140	30,800	
Revisers	4	19	149	11,320	
Typists: Non-local	4	55	47	10,340	
Local	1	20	30	600	53,060
<u>In-session documentation</u>					
(100 pages - C,E,F,R,S)					
Translators	4	22	140	12,320	
Revisers	4	9	149	5,360	
Typists: Non-local	4	22	47	4,140	
Local	1	10	30	300	21,850

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	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>	
Interpreters - C,E,F, R,S)					
Salaries	16	40	183	117,120	
Travel	16			17,600	134,720
Meeting and common services	2	30	30		1,800
<u>Post-session documentation</u>					
(50 pages - A,C,E, F,R,S)					
Translators	5	13	140	9,100	
Revisers	5	4	149	2,980	
Typists: Non-local	5	13	47	3,060	
Local	1	6	30	180	15,320
Reproduction and distribution					17,500
Total					<u>244,250</u>

6. The General Assembly may wish to consider that should it approve the meetings proposed in the draft resolution, facilities could not be made available without rescheduling other meetings. In this event, it would be necessary for the General Assembly to decide which body or bodies currently scheduled to meet under the calendar of conferences should be rescheduled.

7. The conference requirements presented in this statement were calculated on a full-cost basis which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services. These estimates will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement on total conference servicing requirements being submitted separately to the General Assembly before the end of its thirty-third session. Consequently, an appropriation is not being requested in this submission.
