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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.41

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

1. At its 36th meeting, held on 15 November 1991, the First Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.41. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.1/46/L.46.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.41, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to take appropriate action to enable the Group of Experts designated by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU to meet during 1992, in order to complete its work as indicated in paragraph 37 of its report, 1/ and to submit the report of the Group of Experts to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

B. Relationship of request to proposed programme of work

3. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 2/ and subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of section 5, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 3/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the action to be taken by the Secretary-General would consist in organizing a five-day meeting at Addis Ababa for the Group of Experts designated in 1991 by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU within the framework of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/56 A of 4 December 1990. The meeting would allow the Group to complete its work as indicated in paragraph 37 of its report, namely, consideration of relations with other international agreements and similar zones, and of technical clauses such as ratification, entry into force, duration, reservations and withdrawal.

5. After consultation with OAU, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that interpretation and translation costs would be covered by the United Nations. Interpreters and translators would be hired locally for this meeting jointly supported by the United Nations and OAU; all other conference-servicing facilities as well as other support services would be provided by OAU, and the related costs would be absorbed by OAU.

6. In addition, the cost of travel and daily subsistence allowance for 11 experts as well as the cost of appropriate substantive support services to the Group of Experts would be covered by the United Nations.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

7. The submission of the report to the General Assembly called for by the draft resolution would fall under activity 2 (a) "Parliamentary documentation" of subprogramme 1 of section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

8. As regards to the substantive servicing of the Group of Experts, it would be necessary to add the following under activity 2 (b) "Substantive services" of subprogramme 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993:

"(v) Group of Experts designated in 1991 by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU within the framework of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/56 A (one session in 1992)."

E. Additional requirements at full cost

9. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraphs 4 to 6 above are as follows:

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(a) <u>Temporary assistance for meetings</u>	
(i) Interpretation (E/F)	6 000
(ii) Translation (E/F)	<u>900</u>
Total (a)	<u>6 900</u>
(b) <u>Substantive costs</u>	
(i) Travel and daily substantive allowance for 11 experts	39 600
(ii) Travel from Geneva and daily subsistence allowance for 1 Professional and 1 General Service staff from the Department for Disarmament Affairs	<u>8 800</u>
Total (b)	<u>48 400</u>
Grand total, (a) and (b)	<u>55 300</u>

F. Potential for absorption

10. No provision has been made under section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to undertake the activities enumerated in paragraphs 4 to 6 above. It is not anticipated that the cost of \$55,300 referred to above could be absorbed from within the provisions under section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

11. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.41, it is estimated that additional requirements of \$55,300 would arise under section 5, "Disarmament", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

H. Contingency Fund

12. It will be recalled that under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established 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 from the Contingency Fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources available from the low-priority areas or modifications of existing 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 the current session.

13. Should it not prove possible to meet the additional requirements from the Contingency Fund, the draft resolution could be implemented through redeployment of resources from the following low priority activities: "Eight disarmament papers and information materials (four in 1992 and four in 1993)", "Four issues of bibliography of United Nations disarmament publications (two in 1992 and two in 1993)", "Two Disarmament Week kits (one in 1992 and one in 1993)" and "Meetings of specialized agencies and other programmes and departments of the United Nations system on the World Disarmament Campaign (one or two per year)".

I. Summary

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.41 it is estimated that additional appropriations of \$55,300 would be required under section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ A/C.1/46/9, annex.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.
