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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/46/L.7

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

1. At its 38th meeting, on 15 November 1991, the Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/46/L.7, as orally revised. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.6/46/L.10.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.6/46/L.7, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to publish and disseminate widely the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States in all the official languages of the United Nations;

(b) Decide that the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its next session from 3 to 21 February 1992;

(c) Request the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

3. The proposed activities fall under programme 9 (International law), subprogramme 3 (Progressive development and codification of international law) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ Provision has been made under the corresponding subprogramme of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993 for substantive servicing of the Special Committee and publication of the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes. 2/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would convene a three-week session of the Special Committee in New York from 3 to 21 February 1992. It is assumed that the Committee and its working group would require interpretation in the six official languages of the General Assembly and other meeting services for 30 meetings. In addition, the Committee would require four pre-session documents (30 pages), 15 in-session documents (60 pages) and its report (32 pages) to be translated and issued in the six languages of the Assembly.

5. Regarding operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would arrange for the publication of the text of the Handbook, as approved by the General Assembly, in the six official languages.

D. Modifications in the proposed programme of work

6. Section 9 of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993 includes provision for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee and the publication of the Handbook. Consequently, no modification would be required in the proposed programme of work.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The conference-servicing requirements for a three-week session of the Special Committee in New York are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$298,000, as follows:

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I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (30 pages, 4 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	35 600
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	150 500
III. <u>In-session documentation</u> (60 pages, 15 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	76 500
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (32 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	35 400
Total	298 000

F. Potential for absorption

8. The above cost estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. However, as indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the proposed programme budget, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992-1993 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision is made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences is consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years.

G. Net resource requirements

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.6/46/L.7, no additional appropriation would be required under section 9 or 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

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

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I, para. 9.53.