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FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

International Year for the World's Indigenous People

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.56

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 5 of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.56, the General Assembly would adopt the annexed programme of activities for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People.
2. By operative paragraph 8, the General Assembly would decide that the Coordinator of the International Year should convene early in 1992 a technical meeting of agencies, regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system with representatives of States, organizations of indigenous people and other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in indigenous matters.

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

3. The activities proposed in the draft resolution are related to major programmes 35 and 36, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 1/ and to section 28, Human rights, and section 31, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. With regard to the programme of activities, especially those to be undertaken by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in cooperation with the Coordinator and in consultation with indigenous organizations, it is understood that the public information activities would be carried out beginning in 1993.

5. In connection with the convening early in 1992 of a technical meeting of agencies, regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system with representatives of States, organizations of indigenous people and other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in indigenous matters, it is proposed to hold a three-day meeting in 1992 for a total of six meetings with interpretation in six languages.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

6. In connection with the public information activities, no additional requirements would be necessary as these can be accommodated within resources provided in section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

7. The conference-servicing requirements relating to the convening of the technical meeting would amount to \$97,200.

8. These estimates of conference-servicing costs 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, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. However, as indicated paragraph 32.4 of the proposed programme budget, 2/ the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that are programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at that time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Summary

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.56, no additional appropriation would be required.

Notes

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

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

