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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL
TRADE LAW ON THE WORK OF ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.6/35/L.9

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

1.   The Sixth Committee, at its 41st meeting on 7 November 1980, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/35/L.9. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/35/L.11).

2.   Under the terms of paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/35/L.9, the General Assembly would take note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirteenth session.

3.   In paragraph 162 of its report, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law indicated that at its 240th meeting, held on 23 July 1980, it had taken a decision whereby it requested the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Second UNCITRAL Symposium on International Trade Law on the occasion of its fourteenth session at Vienna in 1981.

4.   Under the terms of paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/35/L.9, the General Assembly, stressing the usefulness and importance of organizing symposia for promoting better knowledge and understanding of international trade law and, especially, for the training of young lawyers from developing countries in this subject would:

    (a) Express its appreciation to all States which have offered to make contributions to the holding of the Second UNCITRAL Symposium on International Trade Law on the occasion of its fourteenth session in 1981;

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(b) Appeal to other States and to organizations, institutions and individuals to make similar contributions, so that the number of participants to the second UNCITRAL Symposium from developing countries might be increased.

5.   It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that contributions by States and others would be used to cover travel and subsistence costs of participants from developing countries but that the conference-servicing facilities for the Symposium would be provided under the regular programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

6.   For the purpose of costing, the following assumptions have been used:

(a)   The Symposium would be held in Vienna from 22 June to 26 June 1981.

(b)   A total of eight meetings would be held, for which interpretation in two languages (English and French) would be provided.

7.   On the above basis, conference-servicing costs are estimated at $19,000 as follows:

	Total workload	Unit rate a/ $	Cost b/ $	$
Pre-session				
(16,500 words, E and F)				
Translation	14 days	210/day	2,900	
Revision	5 days	225/day	1,100	
Typing	21 days	140/day	2,900	
Reproduction	17,500 page impressions	.019/page impression	300	
Distribution	7,000 documents	.045/document	300	7,500
Meeting servicing				
Interpretation (E and F)	34 days	320/day	10,900	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	5 days	50/day	300	
Documents distribution clerk	5 days	50/day	300	11,500
				19,000

a/ For the purpose of cost estimates, the unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Amounts under $100 have been rounded.

6.   The above requirements are provided on a full-cost basis. These requirements
will be taken into account in the consolidated statement of total conference-
servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of
its current session, through which net additional resources for conference
servicing will be determined on the basis of the calendar of conferences for 1981
as approved by the Assembly.