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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE RECRUITMENT,
USE, FINANCING AND TRAINING OF MERCENARIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.6/35/L.14 and Corr.1

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

1. The Sixth Committee, at its 56th meeting on 20 November 1980, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/35/L.14 and Corr.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/35/L.15).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/35/L.14 and Corr.1, the General Assembly would:
 - (a) Decide to establish an ad hoc committee on the "drafting of an international convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries" composed of 35 Member States;
 - (b) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Committee with any assistance and facilities it may require for the performance of its work.
3. It will be recalled that by adopting resolution 35/5 of 20 October 1980, the General Assembly declared, as a temporary measure, a one-year moratorium on the establishment of new subsidiary organs of the General Assembly. However, the establishment of an ad hoc committee on the drafting of an international convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries would fall under the exceptional clause contained in paragraph 1 (a) of that resolution whereby the provisions of the resolution do not apply to establishment of subsidiary organs relating to the drafting of international conventions.

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

(a) The ad hoc committee would meet for four weeks in New York from 19 January to 13 February 1981 and hold two daily meetings;

(b) Services for pre-session documentation, in-session documentation and interpretation would be provided in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish); however, post-session documentation, consisting of the ad hoc committee's report to the General Assembly, would be in six languages.

5. On the basis of the above, conference-servicing costs are estimated at \$429,800, as follows:

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u> \$	<u>Cost b/</u> \$ \$	
<u>Pre-session</u>				
(40,000 words, C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	136 days	251/day	34,100	
Revision	45 days	264/day	11,900	
Typing	153 days	135/day	20,600	
Reproduction	610,000 page impressions	0.009/page impression	5,500	
Distribution	30,500 documents	0.045/document	<u>1,400</u>	73,500
<u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation (C,E,F,R,S)	448 days	302/day	135,300	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	28 days	33/day	900	
Documents distri- bution clerk	28 days	33/day	<u>900</u>	137,100
<u>In-session</u>				
(60,000 words, C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	203 days	251/day	50,900	
Revision	67 days	264/day	17,700	
Typing	228 days	135/day	30,800	
Reproduction	765,000 page impressions	0.009/page impression	6,900	
Distribution	255,000 documents	0.045/document	<u>11,500</u>	117,800

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u> \$	<u>Cost b/</u> \$ \$	
<u>Post-session</u>				
	(40,000 words, A,C,E,F,R,S)			
Translation	169 days	251/day	42,400	
Revision	56 days	264/day	14,800	
Typing	186 days	135/day	25,100	
Reproduction	670,000 page impressions	0.009/page impression	6,000	
Distribution	6,700 documents	0.045/document	300	88,600
<u>OGS requirements</u>				
Sound engineering			9,600	
General operating expenses			3,200	12,800
		Grand total	429,800	

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 the 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 General Assembly.
