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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: TRADE
AND DEVELOPMENT

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.2/35/L.75

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

1. At its 45th meeting on 20 November 1980, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/35/75. It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications, document A/C.2/35/L.96.
2. Under the terms of paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/35/L.75, the General Assembly would adopt the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices approved by the United Nations Conference on Restrictive Business Practices.
3. According to paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to convene a conference in 1985 for the purpose of reviewing all aspects of the Set of Principles and Rules. Assuming that the conference would meet for three weeks at Geneva, would require four conference rooms, would be serviced in six languages and require altogether 300 pages of documentation, the servicing requirements of such a conference, calculated at full cost and based on present rates, are estimated to be \$406,200. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, these conference-servicing costs will be taken into account when the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 is prepared. A breakdown of these costs is provided in annex I of this document.
4. In paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Trade and Development Board to establish, at its twenty-second session, an intergovernmental group of experts on restrictive business practices operating within the framework of a committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and

Development (UNCTAD) to perform the functions designated in section G of the Set of Principles and Rules. On the assumption that this group would meet once a year at Geneva for one-and-a-half weeks, would require two conference rooms, would be serviced in six languages and would require 120 pages of pre-session, 100 pages of in-session and 30 pages of post-session documentation, the annual cost of conference services, calculated on a full-cost basis, is estimated to be \$204,100. A breakdown of these costs is provided in annex II of this document.

5. Under the terms of paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the necessary resources should be made available to UNCTAD to carry out the tasks embodied in the Set of Principles and Rules.

6. Paragraphs 3 and 5 of section F ("International measures") of the Set of Principles and Rules provide for the continued publication of an annual report on developments in legislation relating to the control of restrictive business practices and for the continuation of the work within UNCTAD on the elaboration of a model law or laws on restrictive business practices. No additional staff resources are required for those continuing tasks.

7. Paragraph 4 of section F of the Set of Principles and Rules provides for consultations between States concerning the control of restrictive business practices and envisages the possibility of requests being addressed to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for the provision of mutually agreed conference facilities for such consultations and assistance to States in preparing joint reports on the consultations and their results. While it is difficult to foresee the extent to which Governments would avail themselves of this opportunity, it is assumed for planning purposes that altogether 10 days of consultations would be required each year as of 1981 at an estimated annual cost of \$44,100, on the assumption that such consultations would be organized at Geneva and would require interpretation in two languages and 20 pages of documentation per day of consultation. A breakdown of these costs is provided in annex II of this document.

8. Paragraph 3 of section G ("International institutional machinery") will make new demands on the UNCTAD secretariat, involving work in relation to the operation, implementation and application of the Set of Principles and Rules. It is estimated that an additional staff member at the P-3 level and another in the General Service category will be required, for the following reasons: subparagraphs 3 (b), (d) and (e) of section G call upon the intergovernmental group of experts to collect, study and disseminate information related to the provisions of the Set of Principles and Rules and to appropriate steps taken by the States at national or regional levels to promote its effectiveness. The mandate given to the intergovernmental group of experts will thereby require directly an expanded programme of studies by the secretariat. It will, inter alia, involve studies on specific restrictive business practices from which enterprises should refrain, as specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of section D ("Principles and rules for enterprises, including transnational corporations") of the Set of Principles and Rules, as well as studies on more general issues, such as the difficulties in obtaining information on restrictive business practice control action and the improvement of procedures for obtaining information. To do this, the secretariat, as requested in the Set of Principles and Rules, will need to obtain from States

specific information on the use of particular restrictive business practices in transactions and on steps taken by them to make the Set of Principles and Rules effective. In contrast, up to the present, information obtained from States has been of a general character, to be used in the preparation of the annual report - which will continue to be produced - relating to developments in legislation and the application of these laws during a given year (as indicated in para. 6 above). In addition, studies will need to be undertaken by the secretariat on ways in which the Set of Principles and Rules can be improved, in order to assist the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices in making proposals to the review conference for their improvement and further development (sect. G, para. 6). The salaries and common staff costs for the P-3 and General Service posts in 1981 are estimated at \$49,700, 1/ broken down as follows:

Established posts (salaries):

	\$	\$
1 P-3	21,500	
1 G/S	17,900	39,400
Common staff costs		10,300
	Total	<u>49,700</u>

9. The terms of section F, paragraph 6, of the Set of Principles and Rules call for the implementation within or facilitation by UNCTAD and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, in conjunction with UNCTAD, of technical assistance, advisory and training programmes on restrictive business practices, particularly for developing countries. Under the terms of section F, paragraph 7, international organizations and financing programmes, in particular, the United Nations Development Programme, are called upon to provide resources through appropriate channels and modalities for the financing of activities set out in paragraph 6 of the same section. Since those are technical assistance activities, the Secretary-General intends to meet any additional requirements from extrabudgetary resources.

10. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/35/L.75, additional appropriations in the amount of \$49,700 would be required under section 15, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, of the programme budget for 1980-1981. A further provision of \$13,300 would be required for staff assessment under section 31, offset by an equal amount for income from staff assessment, income section 1. In respect of conference-servicing costs, an amount of \$406,200 relating to a conference which would be convened in 1985 for the purpose of reviewing all aspects of the Set of Principles and Rules (see para. 3 above) would be taken into account when the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 is prepared. As regards the conference-servicing requirements for 1981 estimated at \$248,200 (see paras. 4 and 7 above), these would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly, in which the Secretary-General will report on the level of additional conference-servicing resources to be requested in the light of the pattern of conferences for the year 1981 as approved by the General Assembly.

1/ Calculated with a turnover factor of 50 per cent for Professional staff and 35 per cent for General Service staff.

Annex I

CONFERENCE-SERVICING COSTS OF A REVIEW CONFERENCE ON RESTRICTIVE
 BUSINESS PRACTICES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN 1985 (FOR THREE WEEKS)

	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost</u> \$	
<u>Pre-session</u>				
(120 pages, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	168	185	31 080	
Revision	56	210	11 760	
Typing	180	69	<u>12 420</u>	55 260
<u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	1 029	213	219 177	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	42	77	3 234	
Sound technicians	105	45	4 725	
Guards and meeting room attendants	252	45	<u>11 340</u>	238 476
<u>In-session</u>				
(150 pages, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	210	185	38 850	
Revision	70	210	14 700	
Typing	225	69	<u>15 525</u>	69 075
<u>Post-session</u>				
(30 pages, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	42	185	7 770	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	45	69	<u>3 105</u>	13 815
<u>Documents reproduction and distribution</u>				
Reproduction			16 751	
Distribution			<u>12 832</u>	<u>29 583</u>
	Grand total			<u>406 209</u>

Annex II

A. CONFERENCE-SERVICING COSTS OF THE MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN 1981 (FOR ONE-AND-A-HALF WEEKS)

	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost</u> \$ \$	
<u>Pre-session</u>				
(120 pages, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	168	185	31 080	
Revision	56	210	11 760	
Typing	180	69	<u>12 420</u>	55 260
<u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	290	213	61 770	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	10	77	770	
Sound technicians	30	45	1 350	
Guards and meeting-room attendants	60	45	<u>2 700</u>	66 590
<u>In-session</u>				
(100 pages, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	140	185	25 900	
Revision	46	210	9 660	
Typing	150	69	<u>10 350</u>	45 910
<u>Post-session</u>				
(30 pages, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	42	185	7 770	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	45	69	<u>3 105</u>	13 815
<u>Documents reproduction and distribution</u>				
Reproduction			12 876	
Distribution			<u>9 624</u>	22 500
	Grand total			<u><u>204 075</u></u>

B. CONFERENCE-SERVICING COSTS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON RESTRICTIVE
 BUSINESS PRACTICES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FOR A TOTAL OF TWO
 WEEKS PER YEAR

	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost</u> \$	
<u>Documentation</u>				
(200 pages, E and F)				
Translation	56	185	10 360	
Revision	18	210	3 780	
Typing	74	69	<u>5 106</u>	19 246
<u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation (E, and F)	84	213	17 892	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	14	77	1 078	
Sound technicians	28	45	1 260	
Guards and meeting-room attendants	42	45	<u>1 890</u>	22 120
<u>Documents reproduction and distribution</u>				
Reproduction			1 699	
Distribution			<u>1 069</u>	<u>2 768</u>
	Grand total			<u><u>44 134</u></u>
