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CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2

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

1. The First Committee, at its 48th meeting held on 1 December 1980, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/35/L.59).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2 the General Assembly, having noted recent reports alleging that chemical weapons have been used in recent wars and certain military operations in various regions of the world, and also recent reports from certain States concerning the use of chemical weapons on their territories, would:
 - (a) Decide to carry out an impartial investigation to ascertain the facts pertaining to these reports regarding the alleged use of chemical weapons and to assess the extent of the damage caused by the use of chemical weapons;
 - (b) Request the Secretary-General to carry out such investigation, inter alia, taking into account proposals advanced by the States on whose territories the use of chemical weapons has been reported, with the assistance of qualified medical and technical experts.
3. To carry out the investigation, the Secretary-General intends to appoint a group of five qualified medical and technical experts chosen on the basis of their specialized knowledge. The expert group would hold three sessions in New York in 1981 (9 to 20 March, 22 June to 3 July and 10 to 21 August).

4. Provided hereunder are estimated expenditures in connexion with the work of the group of experts.

(a) The meetings of the group of experts would require provision of interpretation in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of a total volume of 570 pages in five languages. Post-session documentation documentation for the last meeting would be in six languages. The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows: 1/

	\$
Pre-session documentation (88,000 words)	160,800
Meeting servicing Interpretation (C, E, F, R, S)	171,400
In-session documentation (60,000 words)	108,400
Post-session documentation (80,000 words)	154,700
Office of General Services requirements	<u>16,000</u>
Total	<u><u>611,300</u></u>

(b) Based on the assumption that the experts will be paid travel and subsistence at the D-1 level and that the sessions will last for a total duration of five weeks, the cost of travel expenses involved will amount of \$35,000.

(c) The group of experts will need consultant services at the equivalent of the P-5 level for a period of two and one-half months to assist the experts in gathering and compiling information and in the preparation of bibliography and other documentation on the subject; The related expenditures for fees, travel and subsistence would amount to \$15,500.

5. Accordingly, total estimated expenditures resulting from the draft resolution would amount to \$661,800, of which \$50,500 would be under section 2 B and \$611,300 under section 29. Conference services requirements as indicated in paragraph 4 (a) and above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the

1/ More detailed information on conference servicing requirements is contained in the annex to this statement.

present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1981 is considered it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to what extent the costs of conference servicing dealt with in the present document can be absorbed within existing resources.

6. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2, the Secretary-General would request at this stage additional appropriation in a total amount of \$50,500 under section 2 B.

Annex

1st, 2nd and 3rd sessions (9-20 March, 22 June-3 July and 10-21 August 1981)

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Total cost b/ \$</u>	
<u>I. Pre-session</u>				
	(88,000 words)			
	(languages: C,E,F,R,S)			
(a) Translation	299 days	251/day	75 100	
(b) Revision	99 days	264/day	26 200	
(c) Typing	336 days	135/day	45 400	
(d) Reproduction	1,342,000 page impressions	.009/page impression	12 100	
(e) Distribution	42,700 documents	.045/document	2 000	\$160 800
<u>II. Meeting servicing</u>				
(a) Interpretation	560 days	302/day	169 000	
	(languages: C,E,F,R,S)			
(b) Supporting staff				
- Conference officer	35 days	33/day	1 200	
- Document distribution clerk	35 days	33/day	1 200	171 400
<u>III. In-session</u>				
	(60,000 words)			
	(languages: C,E,F,R,S)			
(a) Translation	204 days	251/day	51 200	
(b) Revision	68 days	264/day	18 000	
(c) Typing	229 days	135/day	30 900	
(d) Reproduction	765,000 page impressions	.009/page impression	6 900	
(e) Distribution	30,600 documents	.045/document	1 400	108 400
<u>IV. Post session</u>				
	(80,000 words)			
	(languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
(a) Translation	289 days	251/day	72 500	
(b) Revision	96 days	264/day	25 400	
(c) Typing	322 days	135/day	43 500	
(d) Reproduction	1,250,000 page impressions	.009/page impression	11 300	
(e) Distribution	43,300 documents	.045/document	2 000	154 700
	Total (I, II, III and IV)			\$595 300
<u>V. OGS requirements</u>				
(a) Sound engineering			12 000	
(b) General operating expenses			4 000	\$ 16 000
	Grand total			\$611 300

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

b/ Portions less than one hundred dollars have been rounded to the nearest hundred dollars.