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PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

Administrative and financial implications of the recommendation of the  
Committee on Conferences contained in document A/C.5/35/L.38

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

1. In connexion with the holding of the tenth session of the Law of the Sea Conference in New York, the Committee on Conferences, acting under the terms of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, decided, at its meeting held on 8 December 1980, to recommend to the General Assembly that two bodies currently scheduled for New York should be transferred to Geneva in order to fully accommodate the nominal conference room requirements of the Conference, that is, four large conference rooms. The bodies proposed for rescheduling to Geneva are the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to meet from 16 March to 10 April 1981, and the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, to meet from 6 to 17 April 1981. The Committee further recommends that the General Assembly should call upon all other bodies which continue to be entitled to meet at Headquarters during the period of the tenth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to keep their requirements for meetings to a minimum in order to allow the full provision of the required services to the Conference.

2. Should the General Assembly decide to transfer meetings of the two bodies as recommended by the Committee on Conferences, additional appropriation of \$25,500 would be required to provide for travel and subsistence of the substantive staff servicing these meetings as follows:

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Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (five staff members for the duration)	18,300 (Section 2A)
Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct (three staff members for the duration)	<u>7,200</u> (Section 9)
Total	<u>25,500</u>

3. As for conference servicing requirements, reference is made to paragraph 9 of the consolidated statement on conference costs (A/C.5/35/119) in which it is stated that the Secretary-General will provide a detailed analysis of conference servicing needs to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at its Spring session in 1981.

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