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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

#### CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

#### Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.54

#### 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 53rd meeting held on 4 December 1981, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.54. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/36/L.62).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.54 the General Assembly, would, *inter alia*, request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Group of Experts, to continue his investigations pursuant to resolution 35/144C and to report to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.
3. To continue the investigation and to report to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General intends to extend for one year the appointment of a group of four qualified medical and technical experts who were chosen on the basis of their specialized knowledge. The expert group would hold three sessions in New York in 1982 (8 to 19 February, 17 to 28 May and 26 July to 6 August).
4. Provided hereunder are estimated conference-servicing costs in connexion with the work of the group of experts.

(a) The conference-servicing costs are based on the fact that at its meetings in 1981 the group of experts dispensed with interpretation in other languages. Pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of a total volume of 495 pages will be needed. The post-session documentation of its last session will be issued in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish). The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:

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Pre-session documentation (80,000 words)	17,200
Meeting servicing	4,900
In-session documentation (72,000 words)	12,800
Post-session documentation (46,000 words)	69,300
Office of General Services requirements	<u>21,600</u>
Total	<u>125,800</u>

5. Provided hereunder are estimated non-conference servicing costs in connexion with the work of the group of experts:

(a) Based on the assumption that the experts will be paid travel and daily subsistence allowance at the D-1 level and that the sessions will last for a total duration of six weeks, the related costs will amount to \$49,000.

(b) The group of experts will need consultant services for a period of three 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 \$34,000.

(c) Should the Group of Experts be requested to continue its work, it may be anticipated that it will carry out its mandate in accordance with resolution 35/144C. In this connexion, the following considerations may be made:

- (i) The Government of Pakistan has expressed its willingness to accord the Group of Experts the necessary co-operation in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of resolution A/35/144C; and
- (ii) Financial estimates are given for two further on-site visits, keeping in mind the provisions of paragraph 5 (b) of resolution 35/144C and the need to provide adequate financing for the group of experts.

The related costs of travel and daily subsistence for the group of experts and the supporting staff (2 P-5, 1 G-3/G-4 secretary), for a total of 30 days will amount to \$92,000.

(d) Travel of the Chairman and the Secretary of the expert group for consultations with chemical weapons specialists will involve travel and subsistence expenses in the amount of \$15,000.

(e) Miscellaneous costs such as laboratory analysis, communications costs and other unforeseen costs while on mission will amount to \$5,000.

6. The estimated conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 4 above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1982 is considered, it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of servicing requirements to be submitted at that time to what extent the costs in respect of conference-servicing dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, if the draft resolution were to be adopted, additional appropriations of \$195,000 comprising the non-conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 5 above would be required under section 2.

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