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

#### GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

#### Study on conventional disarmament

#### Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.3/Rev.1

#### 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 43rd meeting held on 25 November 1981, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.3/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/36/L.51/Rev.1).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.3/Rev.1 of 23 November 1981, the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 35/156 A of 12 December 1980 in which it approved, in principle, the carrying out of a study on all aspects of the conventional arms race and on disarmament relating to conventional weapons and armed forces, to be undertaken by the Secretary-General with the assistance of a group of qualified experts, would request the Secretary-General to establish the expert group, which should take as guidance on the general approach, scope and structure of the study the deliberations at the 1981 substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, in particular as reflected in paragraph 21 and annex III of the report of that session to the General Assembly.
3. To carry out the requested study the Secretary-General intends to appoint 15 qualified experts who would hold two sessions in 1982 of a duration of three weeks (one week in New York in July and two weeks in Geneva in November) and two sessions in New York in 1983 of a duration of four weeks (two weeks in March/April and two weeks in July).

4. Provided hereunder are estimated conference-servicing costs in connexion with the work of the expert group:

(a) The meetings of the group of experts would require provision of interpretation in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of a total volume of 690 pages in six languages. The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	\$	\$
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>		
(104,000 words, A,C,E,F,R,S)	54,100	232,000
<u>Meeting servicing</u>		
(Interpretation, A,C,E,F,R,S)	140,200	228,200
<u>In-session documentation</u>		
(60,000 words, A,C,E,F,R,S)	45,100	114,700
<u>Post-session documentation</u>		
(112,000 words, A,C,E,F,R,S)	73,800	232,000
Office of General Services requirements	<u>6,200</u>	<u>15,600</u>
Total	<u>319,400</u>	<u>822,500</u>

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

(a) The related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance of the group of experts in the amount of \$167,500 have been included in the proposed programme budget for 1982-1983, section 2B as approved in first reading by the Fifth Committee;

(b) The session of the group in Geneva will require to be serviced by two substantive staff at the D-1 and P-4 levels. The related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance would amount to \$5,000;

(c) Consultants services at the equivalent of the P-5 level will be required for a total period of 10 months to prepare bibliography, to write individual

chapters on specific subjects and to co-ordinate the preparation of the draft and final report. Associated fees and travel costs are estimated at \$50,000 for 1982-1983.

6. The total estimated costs of implementing the resolution, as indicated above, are \$1,364,400 out of which the estimated conference-servicing costs (\$1,141,900) are based on full costs, 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 conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at that time to what extent the costs in respect of conference-servicing in 1982 (\$319,400) dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/36/L.3/Rev.1, the Secretary-General would request at this stage additional appropriations under section 2 in the amount of \$5,000 for travel and subsistence of substantive staff and \$50,000 for travel and fees of consultants.

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