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EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION
AND ENLARGEMENT OF ITS COMPOSITION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/36/L.16

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

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/36/L.16, regarding the enlargement of the International Law Commission, the General Assembly would, inter alia, decide to amend article 2, paragraph 1, of the statute of the International Law Commission to read as follows:

"The Commission shall consist of thirty-four members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law."

2. Should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution, it would increase the membership of the International Law Commission from its present composition of 25 members to 34 members. The addition of nine new members would involve costs in respect of travel and subsistence of members (\$179,100) and honoraria in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/218 (\$54,000). These costs are based on the assumption that the Commission will hold 12-week sessions annually during the biennium 1982-1983.

3. Under the circumstances, should the General Assembly decide to increase the membership of the International Law Commission from its present composition of 25 members to 34 members, additional resources in an amount of \$233,100 would be required under section 26 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.
