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PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW RELATING TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.6/36/L.17

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

1. The Sixth Committee, at its 65th meeting held on 2 December 1981, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/36/L.17. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/36/L.23).

2. Under the terms of paragraphs 2, 5 and 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/36/L.17 the General Assembly would:

(a) Request UNITAR to prepare the study referred to in the fifth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution and to complete it in time for the Secretary-General to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to waive control and limitation of documentation rules on UNITAR's study;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the study made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its consideration on a priority basis, under an item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order" to be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

3. It will be recalled that by paragraph 1 of its resolution 35/166, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to prepare a list of the existing and evolving principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order concerning the economic relations among States, international organizations, other entities of public international law, and the activities of the transnational corporations as contained, *inter alia*, in the instruments referred to in the resolution. The Assembly also requested UNITAR to prepare an analytical study, on the basis of the list referred to above, on the progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order.

4. UNITAR informed the Secretary-General on 9 December 1980 that it was in no position to undertake such a study unless the necessary funds were provided by a specific grant of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General responded favourably by committing \$86,500 from section 26 of the regular budget of which \$60,900 were utilized by UNITAR for the preparation of phase I of the study. However, UNITAR has further drawn the attention of the General Assembly to the need to provide financing to cover the full costs of phase II if it desires to have the project completed. ^{1/}

5. In respect of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, in order for UNITAR to carry out phase II of the study which will involve more complex research including consultations with experts from various geographical regions, the Secretary-General considers that it would be necessary to accede to the request by UNITAR for 12 months of temporary assistance respectively at the P-3 and General Service levels, five consultants for one work-month each, and five research assistants for three months each, as well as to incur other costs. The total would amount to \$119,600, as follows:

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1 project officer (P-3 for 12 months)	43,600
5 consultants, 1 work-month each	18,500
5 research assistants, 3 work-months each	25,500
1 secretary for 12 months	22,000
Travel and subsistence	7,000
Documentation (bibliographical)	3,000
	<u>119,600</u>

6. Accordingly, should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.6/36/L.17, the provision of additional resources in the amount of \$119,600 would be necessary under section 26 of the proposed programme budget for 1982-1983, in order to enable UNITAR to carry out phase II of the study, in liaison with the Office of Legal Affairs.
